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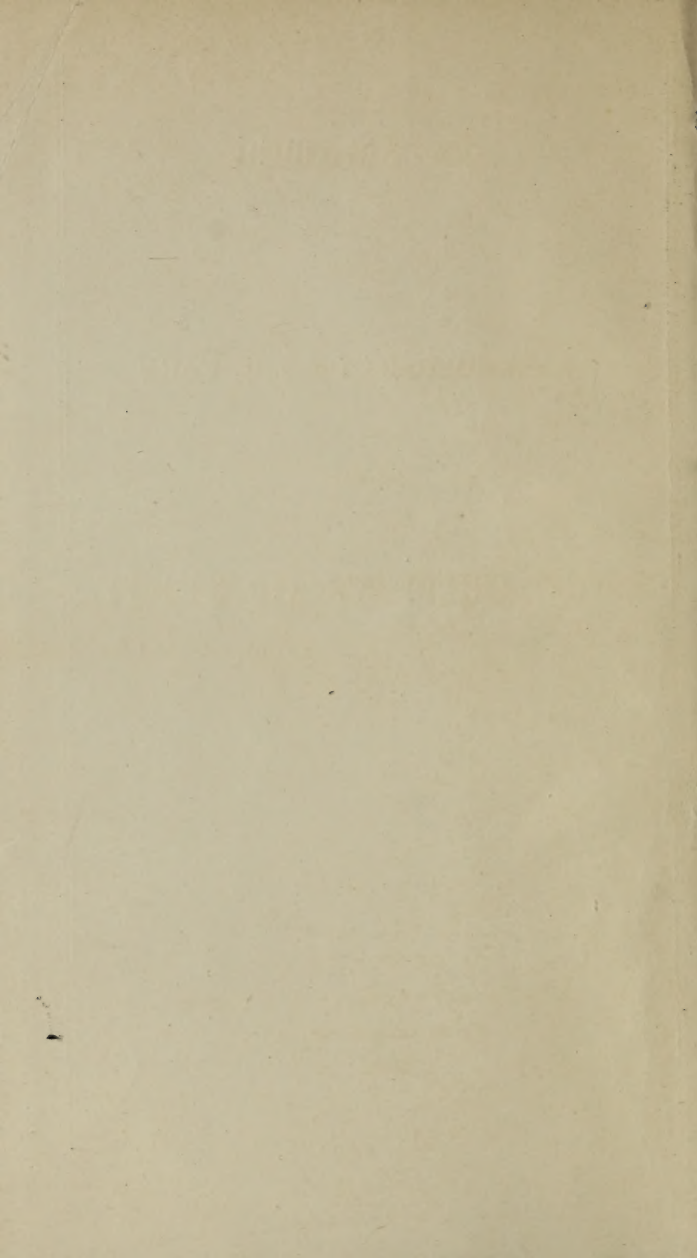
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Made this day of December, in the year eighteen
hundred and sixty-three.

WHEREAS the undersigned have contributed the sums written opposite to their respective names for the purchase and preparation of the land and tenements situate in West Newton, in the county of Middlesex, conveyed, by deed bearing even date herewith, by James M. Sherman, of said West Newton, to

and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs and assigns of such survivor, upon the trusts and for the purposes in these presents declared ;

And whereas the said purchase has been made for the purpose of establishing a home or asylum for the temporary protection and care of boys of tender age, who may be taken or placed in charge of the

Association denominated the BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, recently established, and of which the said Trustees are officers or members : Now, those trusts and purposes are hereby declared to be as follows : —

ARTICLE FIRST. — The said lands and tenements shall be held in trust for the exclusive use and occupation, and under the sole control and management, of the said Association, or its duly appointed officers, servants, or agents, free from all charges for rent, or any compensation for such use and occupation ; but upon condition that, and so long only as, the said Association shall keep the buildings in tenantable repair, and the fences and other necessary structures in good condition ; and shall pay all taxes and charges legally assessed thereupon ; and the expense of insurance upon said buildings, in not less than the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ; — for and during such term of time as shall be expedient and reasonable for determining the question of the usefulness of the institution, and of the expediency of making it permanent, or of discontinuing it ; — such term of time not to exceed three years ; and such questions to be decided by the votes of the undersigned, or by the executors or administrators of any of them who may have deceased, in the manner set forth in the following articles.

ARTICLE SECOND. — The shares in the stock of this Company shall be of the value each of one hundred dollars ; and each of the undersigned shall receive from the Trustees a certificate of the number belonging to her or him, corresponding with the amount subscribed by her or him, in such form as they shall see fit to adopt, referring to the conveyance and this agreement for their tenure : and all questions whatsoever which shall arise concerning the holding, conveyance, resumption, or other disposal of said lands and tenements, or of any part of them, shall be decided by a stock vote ; each person being entitled to cast the number of votes corresponding with his or her certificate of shares.

ARTICLE THIRD. — The question of the expediency of continuing or of discontinuing the use of the said lands and tenements for the purposes aforesaid, and by the Association in the manner aforesaid, or of conveying the same to the said Association, or of directing a sale thereof, and the distribution of the proceeds among the shareholders, shall be decided only at an especial meeting called for that purpose, and with written notice by the Trustees to the shareholders, giving, at the least, ten days' notice of the time and place and purposes of such meeting ; and no vote by proxy shall be allowed, excepting in cases of illness, or absence from the

Commonwealth, to be proved by the person claiming to vote by such proxy.

ARTICLE FOURTH. — If, at any time within the said period of three years, it shall be decided by a majority of votes, at a meeting convened in the manner described in the last article, that it is expedient to convey the said lands and tenements to the said Association, or Trustees for its benefit, in fee-simple, or upon terms and conditions which it shall be deemed advisable to impose, then it shall be the duty of the said Trustees, or their successors in said trust, and it is hereby declared to be one of the trusts contemplated in said deed, to convey the same in conformity to such vote or votes ; and such conveyance shall thenceforth and for ever release and discharge the said Trustees from all trusts and further liability concerning the same ; and all claims and demands of every name and nature whatsoever of the holders of the shares shall cease and determine ; and they shall, if thereto requested by the Trustees, unite in the conveyance in such manner as to release and quitclaim all right, title, interest, and estate in said lands and tenements, and of all claims against the Trustees on account thereof, but without warranty of title, express or implied. And it is hereby expressly declared, that the shares aforesaid, until such conveyance, or until other disposal of said land and tenements, as

hereinafter provided for, shall be accounted and held as personal estate, giving personal claims only against the Trustees, and not as importing any title in the realty.

ARTICLE FIFTH. — If, at the expiration of the said term of three years, the shareholders shall not have decided to convey the said lands and tenements to the said Association in the manner aforesaid; or if, at any antecedent time, a majority of three-fourths part of the shareholders, at a meeting called in the manner aforesaid, shall decide that it is inexpedient to continue the use of said lands and tenements in the manner and for the purposes aforesaid; and that the same shall be sold, and the trusts determined; then, and in either of these cases, it shall be the duty of the Trustees to sell and dispose of the said lands and tenements at public or private sale, in the manner which they shall think most for the benefit of all concerned; and they shall distribute the proceeds of any such sale or sales to and among the shareholders, in the proportions of the shares held by them respectively. And the shareholders, if requested by the Trustees, shall execute a deed of release and quitclaim in the manner above mentioned.

ARTICLE SIXTH. — It is hereby declared and agreed, that if the Association aforesaid shall at

any time be incorporated under the title aforesaid, or any other title or name, that then all the declarations of trusts and agreements, expressed or implied in or by these presents, concerning the said Association, shall be taken to be, and considered as applying to such Corporation, as fully and in the same manner as if said Association had been so incorporated at the time of the execution of these presents, and it had been named herein in the same manner in which the said Association has been named.

ARTICLE SEVENTH. — The amount contributed by the undersigned being the sum of seven thousand dollars, designed for the payment of the purchase-money for said lands and tenements, and the fitting of them for the use and occupation aforesaid, including furniture, farm-stock, &c.; it is agreed, that all personal property which shall be acquired by means thereof shall be in like manner held by the Trustees for the same purposes and on the same trusts, and to be assigned to the said Association, or sold and accounted for in the same manner as if constituting portions of the real estate.

Children's Aid Society:

ITS ORIGIN AND OBJECTS.

THE Children's Aid Society originated thus: Some ladies interested in the News-boys' School, having occasion to visit certain boys confined in Boston Jail for petty larceny, found that the jail always contained a number of children, from ten to fifteen years of age, who were kept in solitary confinement. The cell in which the child is confined is large, clean, dry, well lighted and warmed, and comfortable. His food is good, and ample provision is made for his bodily wants; but he is alone from morning till night, except when by accident he sees a passing face, or receives a visit. Little children, ten or twelve years old, accused of crime, but not convicted, unable to find bail, are here shut up by themselves, without society or occupation. They stand by their grated door, clinging to its bars, as birds cling to the bars of their cage, watching hour after hour in hopes of seeing the face of a passing visitor or officer; or they sit on the bed, crying, refusing to sleep or eat. This system is better than the old, corrupting one, by which old and young, hardened wretches, and innocent victims of accident or conspiracy, were packed together in a mass of evil.

The immediate purpose of our Society is to provide instruction and occupation for the children in jail. They are visited every day by ladies, who teach them, and leave books for them to read; slates, pencils, and paper; and lessons to learn. So the primary difficulty is, to some extent, remedied.

It was, however, presently seen, that merely to provide for the children while in jail was not enough. Something must be done for them when they leave jail, so that they may not lose the benefit of the good influence received there. Something

also may be done to prevent them from falling into crime ; to provide good work and homes for that large class of children, who in all great cities, through orphanage or the vices of parents, are peculiarly exposed to temptation. The aims of the Society have, therefore, been enlarged ; and we now desire to do what we can to save the little boys and girls who are in danger of becoming vicious and criminal, by providing for them homes in the country, and putting the solitary in families.

The Children's Aid Society, therefore, was organized to give instruction, aid, and advice to children arrested for crime, imprisoned for crime, or exposed to crime. Its founders contemplated mainly the teaching of juvenile offenders detained in prison ; and this is still one of its chief objects. But it is believed that even more good can be accomplished by rendering timely assistance to those who have not yet entered the walls of a jail.

The number of minors arrested for various offences in the city of Boston exceeds four thousand annually. Some of these are truants, and are sent to the House of Reformation for a short time. Many of them are too old to be called "children," or to fall within the scope of this Society's action. But, with these deductions, enough remains to occupy the charity and task the energy of many good men and women.

While offenders are detained in jail, awaiting trial, no instruction was provided for them except the religious teaching of the excellent prison chaplain, Mr. Cook, who is also an agent of this Society. No period is more important, in the life of a youth just tempted into crime, than the few days which intervene between arrest and trial. It is a "breathing-time," which may be improved to save him. The mere fact, that there are women kind enough to visit such an unfortunate, is calculated to encourage and elevate him. The best lesson of our teachers must often be their mere presence in jail.

Again : when a boy is released from jail, either because he has not been indicted, or because the short term of imprisonment sometimes imposed has expired, or because payment of his fine has been remitted, then it is most important that

he should receive good advice, and be encouraged by kind counsel, and, when necessary, by substantial aid. Most persons, especially young persons, leave prison with good resolutions; but they are also exposed to peculiar temptations. Shame weighs them down, and appetite entices them most at such a time. We hope to follow the children as they go from the prison-walls; to visit them at home; to cheer and counsel them; to induce them to avoid crime by putting them in the way of obtaining an honest livelihood.

Great good, also, can be accomplished by aiding poor children, who are charged with offences of which they are innocent, to reach their friends; to prepare a defence, and to obtain their freedom while awaiting trial.

Still better, we can save from imprisonment many juvenile offenders by providing them with an opportunity to leave the city, where they are exposed to temptation; and to show that they are willing to lead upright lives. Every judge in this State will listen eagerly when he is requested to place a young offender on probation, if he can be assured that a proper home and proper care can be secured for the endangered child. In such cases, low bail is fixed; the agent of the Society, or some member of its committee, is accepted as surety; the child is placed in some country town, and employed in an honest occupation. After a sufficient length of time, if a good report is made, the surety is discharged, the offender's liability ceases, and the Commonwealth has gained a useful citizen, instead of having imprisoned a child and manufactured a criminal. Here our friends in other towns can aid us greatly.

Such are some of the objects of our Society. No one need fear that we shall teach undue sympathy for the criminal. We deal only with the young. In each vagrant and "exposed" child we see a candidate for usefulness and honor, or for shame and crime. We would save some of these unfortunates from the dangers that surround them; and we confidently call upon the charity and humanity of Massachusetts to aid in this good work.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

1. This Association shall be called the BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

2. The chief object of this Society shall be to improve the condition of exposed children, to visit Prisons, to provide instruction for Young Prisoners, and to take such measures as may promote their welfare.

3. Any person may become a member of this Society by signing its Constitution, and agreeing to contribute to its funds, or to help in its work.

4. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Board of Directors, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform the duties usual to their offices, and shall also form part of the Board of Directors.

5. The Board of Directors shall have power to enlarge their numbers and fill vacancies.

6. The Officers of the Society shall be chosen by the members at the annual meeting, which shall be held on the first Friday in April; and they shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been appointed. This Constitution may be altered at a meeting of the members called for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

Officers.

CHARLES G. LORING PRESIDENT.

GEORGE BEMIS. FRANCIS C. LOWELL, THOMAS RUSSELL,	} VICE-PRESIDENTS.
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JAMES TOLMAN TREASURER.

JOHN B. TILESTON SECRETARY.

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Visiting Committee.

SEPTEMBER	MR. KINGMAN, MISS JACKSON.
OCTOBER	MR. LOWELL, MISS LOWELL.
NOVEMBER	MR. AND MRS. LORING.
DECEMBER	MR. AND MRS. THAYER.
JANUARY	MR. BARNARD, MRS. HUBBARD.
FEBRUARY	MR. ELLIS, MRS. PAINE.
MARCH	MR. BEMIS, MRS. BARNARD.
APRIL	MR. BOND, MRS. WHITTEMORE.
MAY	MR. TILESTON.
JUNE	MR. PARKMAN.
JULY	MR. CLARKE, MRS. HEMENWAY.
AUGUST	MR. AND MRS. TOLMAN.

*General Agent - Mr Rufus R. Cook -
22. Burr St.*

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. — Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, M. S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a Corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the City of Boston and its vicinity; and, of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable, to rescue them from moral ruin; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in the sixty-eighth chapter of the General Statutes, and any acts in addition thereto.

SECT. 2. — All persons who were members of the Association known as the Boston Children's Aid Society, before the adoption of this Act of Incorporation, and whose names, by their consent, shall be entered upon the records of this corporation as such, shall be members thereof; and members of the corporation shall hereafter be eligible in such manner as the By-laws thereof shall provide.

SECT. 3. — The Directors of the said Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Clerk, and not less than nine nor more than twenty other members, who shall be chosen by ballot at the first meeting, and subsequently at each annual meeting; and all officers, except those first chosen, shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their stead.

SECT. 4. — The Directors shall have authority, at their discretion, to receive into their Asylum or care such children of tender age as they may deem suitable objects of the charity intended by this Institution; and also to accept a surrender, in writing, by the father, — or, where there is no father having his legal domicile within the Commonwealth, by the mother; or, where there is no father nor mother having such domicile, by the guardian, — of any child or children, to the care and direction of said Institution; and also to take and receive into the charge of the said Institution any children, being destitute of parents having such domicile, or of legal guardians, in the Commonwealth;

or being deserted by their parents or guardians, in such manner as to have no regular home provided for them, under the custody and care of such parents or guardians; and to bind out, in virtuous families, until the age of twenty-one years, any boy or boys, and, until the age of eighteen years, any girl or girls, thus surrendered, thus destitute, or thus deserted, and taken or received under their charge: *provided, however*, that any parent whose child or children, during the absence of such parent out of this Commonwealth, shall have received relief and support, or been bound out as aforesaid, shall have liberty, on his or her return, to receive such child or children, upon paying to the Treasurer of said Institution the expense incurred in his or their support or care as aforesaid.

SECT. 5. — The Directors shall have authority to consent to the adoption of any child which shall have been surrendered to the Institution, as aforesaid, by any person suitable and competent for the nurture and rearing of such child, upon his or her petition to the Probate Court in the county of his or her residence, made conformably to the provisions of the one hundred and tenth chapter of the General Laws, entitled "of the adoption of children and change of names;" and shall, in like manner, have authority to consent to such adoption of any child destitute or deserted as aforesaid, taken under the charge and protection of said Institution, not having any parent or guardian having a legal domicil within the Commonwealth, or either of whose parents is insane, or imprisoned in the State Prison or House of Correction under a sentence for a term of not less than three years, or who has wilfully neglected to provide proper care and maintenance for the child for six months preceding the time of filing the petition. And such consent of said Directors, in writing, in either or any of the cases aforesaid, shall have the same legal effect as the written consent of the parents of such child, or of the survivor of them, would have had under said Act, if living and so consenting. And any decree of adoption made by such Probate Court upon such consent of the Directors, shall have the same effect to all intents and purposes as if the same had been made conformably to the provisions of said Act, with the written consent of the parents or surviving parent of such child; saving, however, to such parents or parent, who had not surrendered it to the Institution as aforesaid, and who had not, before the hearing upon such petition, actual notice thereof, the right, at any time within one year after actual notice of such adoption, to apply to the Supreme Judicial Court for the reversal of the decree of adoption, if upon a hearing, after due notice to the parties interested, the said court shall be satisfied that any material allegation in the petition was untrue, and that in its discretion the decree ought to be reversed.

SECT. 6. — The Directors shall have authority to establish any rules and By-laws, for their action by committees in the premises, or otherwise, and for regulating the proceedings of the Board, and for the management of the concerns of said Institution, not repugnant to the laws of the Commonwealth or the By-laws and orders of said Institution.

SECT. 7. — Said Corporation may, for the purposes aforesaid, hold real and personal estate not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 8. — Any one of the persons named in the first section of this Act is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the Corporation.

R E P O R T.

A YEAR has nearly passed since we first collected our family at Pine Farm; and we feel that some account of its condition is due to those who take an interest in it, and have contributed to its support.

Its purpose — as is well known to the subscribers — is to take from the streets, boys, from seven to twelve years of age, who are living in such exposed and neglected circumstances, as to be likely to fall into vicious habits, or those who have already taken the first step in crime; and, in place of the wild life they have been leading, to train them for a while, as in a family, with love and religious care; to place them, if possible, in better circumstances, and to maintain an oversight and influence upon them after they leave us.

These boys are brought to us, by Mr. Rufus R. Cook, usually from the Police Court, or the custody of the Truant Officers. Mr. Cook is Chaplain of Suffolk-County Jail, and also agent of our Association. He is a most kind friend to the poor stray children whom he picks up, and his good influence is felt throughout our little household.

Our Farm was purchased and fitted up in the winter of 1864, by donations contributed specially for these purposes.

Our Association was not incorporated when the purchase was made; but an Act of Incorporation was obtained last win-

ter, chiefly for the purpose of enabling us to have legal guardianship of children, so as to bind them out, or put them in permanent homes. The Act of Incorporation applies to all the original objects of the Association; which are, to aid specially those children brought before the Police Courts, and to rescue them from vice and crime by all the means in our power.

The first measures taken by the Association were in aid of Mr. Cook, as chaplain of the jail. It is impossible to do justice to Mr. Cook's devotion and labors, without a separate Report, which will be found appended to this.

The Farm at West Newton is only an experiment in the same direction. If it proves successful, such homes can be multiplied, until not a child's life is thrown away by the neglect of those who should be guardians of it.

Our Farm is in a pleasant part of West Newton, about a mile from the depot, near the corner of Chestnut and Homer Streets. It consists of twenty acres of pasture and farm land.

There was a very old but substantially built farmhouse on the land when we bought it, which, by alterations and the addition of a wing, was made to contain comfortably thirty boys, with the older members of the household. The rooms are small for so many, but they have a pleasant, homelike air, — the more so for looking old-fashioned; and we thought it wiser to use the old house than to build a new one, when the cost of building was so high. A blacksmith's shop on the place was changed into a little schoolhouse; and a wash-room for the boys was added on one side of the house. This spring we have been enabled, by the kindness of some of our Managers, to raise the schoolhouse, and build a large room under it, which will serve as a play-room and work-shop, in which our boys can find employment in the winter months.

On the 28th of June, 1864, the house was ready for use, and a service of dedication was held in a grove on the place.

Miss Lydia Stone, the matron of our family, whose admirable personal qualities peculiarly fit her for the place, and our excellent farmer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Howe, were then living in the house. Mr. Howe takes care of the farm, and employs the boys in out-of-door work. The cooking and housework are done by Mrs. Howe and Miss Stone, with the help of the boys. We hire some assistance in washing every week, and have the aid of a very able friend in the sewing and mending, which, otherwise, it would be impossible for Miss Stone to accomplish.

We began with but one or two boys, and added very gradually to the number till our house was full. In August, we engaged Miss Sarah Bancroft, as a temporary teacher only, because we thought the boys might require a man's control; but they have remained under her care, and, thanks to her patience and zeal, have been docile, happy, and interested in their studies.

On Sunday forenoons, they go to the Orthodox Church in the village, of which the Rev. Mr. Patrick is minister, and to Sunday-school in the same church in the afternoons.

Their week-day life is very regular. They are occupied just as any thriving family of half-a-dozen boys would be, where the work of every kind must be done at home; and it is the common interest and pleasure of the whole family to carry it on.

They have school twice in the day. They make their beds, scrub the floors, wash the dishes. Two boys help Mrs. Howe each day in the kitchen, taking a week in turn, and the older boys do most of the ironing. They all work with Mr. Howe in the fields, weeding, planting, &c. It is a new delight to many of them to see things grow. Last autumn they harvested the winter vegetables, and hoed one hundred and eighty bushels of potatoes, and enjoyed the work heartily. One or two boys are usually at work all day with Mr. Howe, who is very ingenious in employing them in a variety of

ways. Three of them have new-shingled the barn ; and some of the older ones have helped Mr. Howe all winter, in mending the shoes of the family, which saves a large bill at the cobbler's.

They have small gardens of their own, which are not only neatly kept, but they enjoy the possession of them ; as they also feel a personal pride and property in all the chickens and animals on the place.

In winter, as there is no work on the farm, they knit for an hour every evening. They have finished nearly thirty pairs of socks, with assistance in shaping them. This has been a very pleasant hour to Miss Stone and her boys, sitting round the table, and singing songs, or one of them reading aloud. They have been taught to sing by our kind friend Mrs. Whittemore, who has smoothed our path by many neighborly acts.

We can say with truth that our boys do their work with much cheerfulness and spirit. It is pleasant to see their bright, happy faces, at work and at play. Miss Stone carries such a genial, warm spirit into every thing they do together, and Mr. Howe has such excellent tact with them, that a boy who begins with being reluctant is drawn into the general tone of confidence and good feeling.

The change in the appearance and behavior of a new comer is often very striking, and with some boys we cannot but feel that it is a radical one. They learn to value different things in life from what they have dreamt of before. Their religious teachings are associated with the happiest and most innocent part of their lives, and with the tenderest treatment the world has ever given them. They feel the spirit of religious love in those who have charge of them.

We hope a great deal from the effect of good habits and steady training on these poor children : but the best preservative we can give them is a reverence for truth and honesty, and the knowledge of the presence and love of God ; and the most powerful earthly instrument to teach them this, is the

voice that first speaks to them with steady kindness and sympathy.

I do not think, that any one, who has seen how the hard, hopeless, suspicious faces of some of these neglected children mellow, and grow trustful and gentle, can doubt their improvement. One is often reminded of the words, "Clothed, and in his right mind."

This is a very impressible and excitable class of boys; and, their confidence once gained, it would be easy to excite a high degree of religious fervor among them. It has been Miss Stone's aim to direct their religious sentiment, so that it shall result in religious principle and action.

In writing these words, we are reminded of three boys, one of whom had been sleeping in a boat for a fortnight before he came to us, suspicious and surly; another, whose mother was in the House of Correction, and whose father had deserted the family; the third one was brought before the Police Court, as being "an idle, disorderly boy, no home, no mother, and his father a common drunkard." The police officer said he was the worst boy in Boston. The two first are now happy and good, in excellent country homes. The third is one of the most trusted and valued of our boys. He has a natural sentiment of honor, is very intelligent and affectionate, and fond of work, especially farm-work. Mr. Howe says of him: "I can trust him to do any thing, and be sure that he will do it well." Of course he had many hard battles to fight before he gained a foothold on principle; but now his gladness is that of a creature born into a new life.

We would like to keep this boy, and another one who has been with us for nearly a year, still longer in the family. We should miss their assistance and influence very much, and they would be very unwilling to leave us. The description we have given of the past circumstances of these boys would apply, with slight variations, to almost all who have been with us.

It takes several weeks for a boy to feel sure that we really mean kindly and honestly by him. They come, of course, unwillingly, because they are usually sent there as a punishment. This intermediate period would be dangerous, but that they quickly fall into the habits and routine of the family. They are also constantly occupied. We have, of course, individual cases of disobedience and wrong-doing; but we have not, as yet, encountered any general rebellious spirit. The feeling of the family is strongly in favor of maintaining order and obedience. Perhaps one cause of the power we have over them is the confidence and trust with which they are treated, and which is very rarely abused. We try to appeal to a principle of honor in their dealings with one another and with us. We have found no punishments necessary, but such as would be used in any family, — as shutting a boy into his bedroom, or in a separate room, with closed shutters, but not too dark to read, or depriving him of some privilege or article of food.

We anticipated much trouble from the boys running away, as there is nothing to prevent it if they choose to go, and the neighborhood of Boston is a temptation. Last summer, during our first month, two or three boys went to town twice; and the second time we did not try to get them back. They were boys who had only been with us a few days, and we took others in their places. We had no trouble again for six months, till we were changing many of our set of boys in the spring, when the presence of several new-comers, of very unsettled characters, caused occasional restlessness. At one time, six boys undertook to walk into the city secretly, but were brought back just as they reached it. At another time, two boys planned to go, but did not succeed. Within a week, two new boys walked to town, spent a night at home, and were sent back by their mothers. They have just gone off again, taking another boy with them. The approaching 4th of July made the attractions of town irresistible. This

has been confined to very few boys. It has taught us that we must not take too many new boys at once. We punished the offenders, and kept them in the family for a few days to vindicate our authority, and then gave them their choice,—to leave us, or to stay on trial of good behavior. They preferred to stay, and almost all of them have behaved well since. We have removed two boys, because we were satisfied that we could not hope to benefit them much, and their influence was bad. We have removed two other boys, because they were unsuited to the place; one of them was under-witted.

We shall probably always be liable to attempts at running away, and also to various troubles, as new boys come in; but the spirit of the school is against such breaches of discipline. And the small troubles we have had, have served to bring out good feeling, and to increase our confidence in the steadiness and principle of almost all who have been with us for any length of time.

We give this full account, because it is the only way in which our friends can know what is accomplished by the institution, and what are its weak points; and also to show what care and vigilance is necessary in controlling this class of boys.

It is our earnest desire, that all who have subscribed to the Farm should visit and observe it for themselves, at least once a year. On Sundays, we prefer not to have visitors; but on all other days they will be very welcome. We should like to make one suggestion to our visitors, that, in their conversations with the boys, they should make no allusions to their past offences, or the wretchedness of their homes,—as they might unwittingly cause much pain.

We will say here, that our Managers are convinced, after a year's experience, that we must modify the statement contained in last year's Circular, about the number of inmates that we shall receive in one year. The gentlemen who have

visited the Farm, and have seen the effect of steady, industrious habits on the boys, are strongly of this opinion. It is still a matter of experiment; but we shall probably find that about eighty boys is as many as we can receive with advantage each year. It must be remembered, that we have a different set each year; so that, in the course of a few years, we shall have had a great many under our care.

The time of keeping each boy must vary, according to his character and circumstances. We have tried to keep those boys who would return to bad homes, or evil associates, for the longest period, — even a year. These are among the most interesting and brightest that we have; and the improvement in them is very marked and constant. They become much attached to us; and we trust that, after a year of healthy life and training, and upheld by what care we can give them, most of them will be able to withstand the evil influences they will be exposed to. They will, at least, be better off than if they had been in the jail, or at Deer Island, which are the probable alternatives for them.

Some boys have fallen into bad company and vagrant habits, but have good parents, — usually only a hard-working mother, who is obliged to spend her days away from home. The parents of such boys are very grateful to us, and we consult cordially together. They feel their good influence strengthened by our efforts. When it seems best, and the mothers are willing, we mean to put such boys at places in the country. We should prefer to be able to keep such boys, also, for nine months or a year.

Many, however, of our boys — and we prefer to have the largest part of the family on this footing — are entirely under our charge. They have no family ties, or are surrendered by their friends to the Association in the person of Mr. Cook. They also have vagrant habits and loose principles to be corrected. They come to us in various ways. One little fellow was brought to us by an express wagon, with a label sewed

to the breast of his jacket; another was sent from a sailor's boarding-house, with a letter saying that both of his parents were dead. These children we consider as peculiarly our own, and we mean to place them all in good families in the country; but we probably shall not keep them so long as the other boys. After three or four months of training in work and good habits, when they have learned to look to us as friends, and to feel responsible to us for good behavior, we shall transfer them to the permanent homes in which we hope they will remain for years. They get better places, and are much more likely to stay in them after this preparatory training.

It is our intention as far as possible to keep an oversight on the boys after they leave us. Much good might be done in this way, if we could afford to hire more labor, and to give Miss Stone the opportunity and the enjoyment of visiting the children to whom she devotes herself with so much care and affection. It would be a very pleasant duty; for they welcome any person associated with their life at the Farm, and many of them express a strong desire to return to it. We depend on Mr. Cook to get places for our boys; and he has used much care and judgment in selecting them. We receive pleasant letters from the boys whom we have sent to the country. They have all remained where they were placed, and are happy, and very much liked.

We have admitted fifty-two boys within the year, of whom twenty-eight are American; sixteen, Irish; eight, German, Scotch, and Jewish. Twenty-three have left us, and twenty-nine are now at the Farm. Of those who left, eight were placed by us in families in the country; five were taken, or sent by their friends away from the city; four returned to their former homes; two ran away; two were removed for unsuitability; two were removed for bad behavior. Of the four returned to their homes, three are spoken of by their friends as being much improved, at home and in their attendance at school. One of them, we fear, is not behaving well.

Some of our boys had fathers or protectors in the service of the Government. Many children will be left fatherless and uncared for, after the losses and destruction of the war ; and to whom does the country owe so deep a debt as to these ?

We hope, that, before costly and permanent asylums are built for them, it will be considered whether their welfare is not best secured in temporary institutions like Mrs. Gwynn's excellent Home, or our Farm, from which they can be distributed in private families.

We would say, in conclusion, that we have received much encouragement and sympathy from the Judges of the Police Court, and others who are best acquainted with the dangers and probable destiny of the children whom we seek to help. Some of them have visited the Farm, and have expressed great satisfaction with the appearance of the children, especially of those whom they had known before.

They know the hardening effect of merely penal institutions. A child who breathes the atmosphere of crime inevitable in a jail, however well conducted (and ours has a great advantage in the humane superintendence of Sheriff Clark), will probably come out ready to commit a fresh offence, and is likely to make crime his profession, unless he should have the good fortune, after two or three years of such a life, to fall into a vacancy at Westborough, or in the School-ship.

No doubt some punishment is salutary. On his first entrance in jail, a boy is usually frightened, and in a softened state of mind, and might be touched to better issues ; but the golden moment is too often lost, and he learns instead, that there is a whole world of crime, which has its own occupations and its own pleasures ; and this in spite of strict regulations against intercourse, which are well enforced. The quick eyes and curiosity of a boy who has no other occupation than such studies, can learn much in a short time.

It seems impolitic, as well as cruel, to take a child of eight or ten years, and to put it where the influences are fa-

avorable to crime ; but this, as we heard an officer of the jail say, is " what Christian Boston does for her children."

Our Farm-school is an attempt to rescue some of these children at their outset in crime. We expect to fail with some who come to us. It is a difficult undertaking ; and we could not hope to succeed, except that we believe that God works in the hearts of little children as well as of grown people.

It is cause enough for our exertion, that every child saved is a human being withheld from sin, and restored to his birth-right. It is for others to consider that he becomes a useful citizen, instead of a rogue, to prey upon the community, and to be supported at the public expense.

We add a short account of Mr. Cook's labors in connection with the society.

When the Association was first organized, Mr. Cook consented to act as its agent in behalf of boys confined in the jail. By his desire, and with Sheriff Clark's permission, some members of the Association visited the jail weekly, to distribute books from the library to the boys ; to talk with them, and to gain their confidence, in the hope of helping them to a better course when they left the jail.

The assistance of a regular visitor was found necessary ; and we engaged the services of Miss Pease at first, and afterwards of Miss Burnham. It has been a large part of Miss Burnham's work to inquire about the previous character and the homes of the boys who are brought up for trial. Mr. Cook is in daily attendance at the Police Court, and at the monthly sittings of the Superior Court. His opinion is usually consulted, and has great influence as to the disposition to be made of young offenders ; and his judgment is much guided by the accounts furnished him by Miss Burnham. This, with the visiting in jail, which has of late fallen mainly upon her, and visiting the boys whom Mr. Cook has put on probation,

or any children whom he wishes her to inquire about, comprise the duties which Miss Burnham performs, with much energy and excellent judgment.

Mr. Cook's labors have a much larger scope. He is, as has been said, in Court every day, and present at the trials of all children brought there. He studies their cases; and when he thinks that there is good hope of their amendment, without further punishment, he gives bail for them, or gets the judge to put them on probation. He has thus bailed many boys, saving them from the injurious effect of an imprisonment in jail.

It may not be generally understood, that there are two classes of boys in jail. One class consists of those children who have been tried and sentenced in the Police Court, and who, in consequence of non-payment of fines, are held in jail for various periods of time, from a few days to several months. Boys of the other class are charged with offences that must be tried in the Superior Court. They are detained in the jail from the time of their arrest till the next sitting of the Court. They are often very young, but eight or nine years old, and may have to wait some weeks for trial.

Mr. Cook's kindness embraces all of these boys, and not these alone, but every stray child that reaches his hand. Many friendless and destitute children are brought to him by the Police and Truant Officers, of whom he disposes in various ways. He has within a year sent fifty-seven such children to the Catholic Home, which has been lately opened at 19, High Street.

Mr. Cook considers all that he does for children as included in what is accomplished by the Association. It forms the greater part of what was done under our auspices, until the Farm at West Newton was planned.

M. S. SCUDDER,
JAMES TOLMAN,
E. P. BOND,

MRS. HEMENWAY,
MRS. PAINE,
MISS JACKSON,

Executive Committee.

The Treasurer in Account with the Boston Children's Aid Society.

Receipts.

1863.

Dr.

To amounts received from—

April	3, Mrs. C. K. Whipple	\$2.00
"	" Rev. J. F. Clarke	5.00
"	" Mrs. F. C. Paine	5.00
"	" Hon. Thos. Russell	2.00
"	" J. B. Tileston	1.00
"	8, Mrs. G. M. Barnard	20.00
"	10, Mrs. P. T. Jackson	5.00
"	" Miss E. Jackson	5.00
"	11, C. W. Scudder	5.00
"	15, J. A. Thaxter	10.00
"	17, F. C. Lowell	10.00
"	" Miss Mary Anne Wales	20.00
"	" Mrs. Wm. Endicott	10.00
May	8, Rev. John Parkman	3.00
"	15, Mrs. A. Hemenway	20.00
June	12, John Wilson, jun.	2.00
"	18, George Bemis	10.00
"	25, Mrs. J. G. Gardner	5.00
July	6, James Savage	10.00
Nov.	28, M. T. Rice	5.00
		<hr/> \$155.00

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To subscriptions for the Farm, from—

Feb'y	5, Mrs. R. G. Shaw	\$500.00
"	" Miss Mary Anne Wales	500.00
"	7, Mrs. S. Hooper	400.00
"	" Miss Alice Hooper	100.00
"	8, Geo. Wales	200.00
"	17, Francis C. Lowell	100.00
"	" Mrs. M. Appleton	100.00
"	18, Miss Julia Bryant	100.00
"	23, H. H. Hunnewell	200.00
"	25, The Misses Lowell	200 00
		<hr/> 2,400.00
Amount carried forward		<hr/> \$2 555.00

		Amount brought forward	\$2,555.00
March	5,	Rev. Jas. F. Clarke	\$100.00
"	18,	H. B. Rogers	300.00
"	24,	G. S. Winslow	100.00
"	25,	Nathaniel Thayer	500.00
"	"	A. A. Lawrence	100.00
"	"	Geo. Bemis	100.00
"	"	Abner Kingman	500.00
"	"	Thomas Wigglesworth	500.00
"	"	Geo. M. Barnard	500.00
April	5,	John Gardner	100.00
"	"	Chas. G. Loring	200.00
"	"	James M. Beebe	300.00
"	6,	Martin Brimmer	500.00
"	8,	Mrs. Henry Grew	200.00
"	30,	Mrs. A. Hemenway	500.00
June	27,	Wm. Gray	250.00
Sept.	14,	Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	500.00
"	"	James Tolman	100.00
			<hr/> 5,350.00

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Donations for Expenses —

Feb'y	18,	Mrs. Wm. Tappan	\$50.00
"	"	A Friend, by Mrs. Paine	50.00
"	24,	Mrs. Lydia Jackson	50.00
"	"	Miss E. Jackson	50.00
"	"	Miss E. S. Hooper	50.00
"	27,	James Lawrence	100.00
March	19,	Mrs. C. T. Hubbard	25.00
"	22,	Per Rev. Rufus Ellis	100.00
"	23,	Mrs. Geo. C. Lee	50.00
"	24,	John C. Gray	50.00
"	25,	J. I. Bowditch, from the Oxnard Fund	200.00
"	"	Miss S. J. Welles	150.00
"	28,	Mrs. Thos. Lee	25.00
"	"	Wm. H. Gardiner	100.00
"	"	Miss Isa E. Loring	100.00
April	8,	Mrs. C. K. Whipple	3.00
"	"	Miss M. L. Higginson	10.00
"	"	Miss Amory	10.00
"	"	S. Johnson, jun.	100.00
"	"	H. W. Pickering	25.00
"	"	Peter C. Brooks	100.00
			<hr/> 1,398.00
		Amount carried forward	\$9,303.00

		Amount brought forward	\$9,303.00
April	8,	E. Wigglesworth	\$50.00
"	16,	Mrs. Wm. Pratt	100.00
"	"	Naylor & Co.	100.00
"	"	Little, Brown, & Co.	100.00
"	"	Chas. P. Curtis	50.00
"	20,	Miss Louisa M. Goddard	30.00
"	"	The Misses Newman	50.00
"	23,	Mrs. D. B. Greene	100.00
"	"	G. H. Gray & Danforth	50.00
"	"	Turner Sargent	100.00
"	"	G. Gardner	50.00
"	"	Geo. Howe	100.00
"	"	C. A. Bartlett	20.00
"	"	Wm. P. Mason	100.00
"	"	Mrs. N. Francis	100.00
"	"	Henry P. Sturges	100.00
"	"	James Davis	50.00
"	30,	Jabez C. Howe	100.00
"	"	E. R. Mudge, Sawyer, & Co.	100.00
"	"	Miss Joy	50.00
"	"	Mrs. S. R. Putnam	100.00
"	"	Geo. O. Hovey	100.00
"	"	Wm. B. Spooner	100.00
"	"	E. S. Tobey	50.00
"	"	Thos. Lee	100.00
"	"	R. W. Hooper	100.00
"	"	A Friend	20.00
"	"	The Misses Newman, additional	10.00
"	"	Mrs. H. F. McKean	3.00
May	7,	Edward Whitney	50.00
"	"	W. E. Baker	25.00
"	"	Mrs. Alpheus Hardy	25.00
"	"	Dale Bros. & Co.	50.00
"	"	C. C. Burr	50.00
"	"	J. C. Burrage	50.00
"	14,	Foster & Taylor	100.00
"	"	Moses Sewall	50.00
"	16,	Mrs. S. T. Morse	25.00
June	1,	Mrs. R. Pickering	20.00
"	25,	Jonathan Ellis	50.00
"	"	Mrs. L. B. Merriam	25.00
"	29,	John Rogers	10.00
			<hr/> 2,613.00
		Amount carried forward	\$11,916.00

		Amount brought forward	\$11,916.00
July	16, Miss Donnerson and Sister		\$55.00
"	" Mrs. Wm. T. Eaton		50.00
Aug.	29, The Misses Ruthven		10.00
Oct.	8, Amos A. Lawrence		50.00
"	" S. D. Warren		50.00
"	" Reed & Cutler		50.00
"	17, E. H. Eldredge		100.00
"	19, Frank Skinner		5.00
Dec.	5, Miss Donnerson, additional		50.00
"	" Mrs. Chas. Jackson, jun.		20.00
"	23, Henry Lee, jun.		100.00
"	" Richard Fletcher		50.00
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Jan.	13, Dr. L. B. Russell		50.00
"	26, Henry Saltonstall		100.00
April	3, Geo. Wm. Bond		50.00
June	1, C. T. Hubbard		10.00
"	" C. W. Scudder		50.00
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			850.00

Annual Subscriptions —

F. C. Lowell	\$50.00
Nathaniel Thayer	100.00
G. M. Barnard	100.00
Seth Bemis	25.00
Geo. Bemis	25.00
A Friend, per Miss E. Jackson	20.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, jun.	20.00
Miss E. Jackson	25.00
Mrs. A. S. Hooper	25.00
Miss S. Hooper	10.00
C. W. Loring	20.00
J. Ingersoll Bowditch	20.00
Oliver Ditson	25.00
C. E. Guild	10.00
Dr. C. E. Ware	15.00
James Parker	50.00
Mrs. E. Codman	10.00
Otis Daniell	10.00
Mrs. D. B. Greene	10.00
W. S. Ballard	50.00
Samuel Torry	10.00
John Lowell	10.00
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	640.00
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Amount carried forward	\$13,406.00

Amount brought forward		\$13,406.00
Dr. John Ware	\$10.00	
Josiah Quincy	20.00	
Geo. Atkinson	5.00	
Rev. Wm. Montford	10.00	
Mrs. A. L. Wales	20.00	
Mrs. Alexander Young	5.00	
Miss Fanny Young	5.00	
Miss — Young	5.00	
Robert Waterston	20.00	
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50.00	
Mrs. J. A. Peabody	5.00	
Rev. John Parkman	25.00	
Woodman & Horswell	20.00	
Edward Whitney	20.00	
Wm. C. Cabot	15.00	
Stephen Tilton & Co.	20.00	
Allen & Lane	10.00	
Wm. C. Peters	10.00	
Henry Callender	10.00	
Elisha Atkins	10.00	
Joshua Stetson	10.00	
G. W. Wales	25.00	
Mrs. F. C. Paine	25.00	
Mrs. E. Vose	5.00	
Rice, Kendall, & Co.	10.00	
Mrs. James Haughton	50.00	
H. P. Kidder	50.00	
R. C. Greenleaf	100.00	
Wm. Endicott, jun.	100.00	
P. H. Wentworth	25.00	
Miss M. A. Wales	100.00	
Miss E. Q. Guild	5.00	
C. D. Head	25.00	
The Misses Wigglesworth	50.00	
Mrs. S. Hooper	25.00	
Miss Alice Hooper	5.00	
Mrs. R. G. Shaw	20.00	
R. C. Mackey	25.00	
Mrs. Geo. Hayward	10.00	
Mrs. Chas. Mason and the Misses Mason	50.00	
Francis Amory	25.00	
E. P. Bond	5.00	
		<hr/> 1,040.00
Amount carried forward		<hr/> \$14,446.00

	Amount brought forward	\$14,446.00	
Mrs. A. Hemenway		\$100.00	
M. S. Scudder		100.00	
Chas. G. Loring		100.00	
James Tolman		25.00	
			325.00

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Sundry Receipts —

Oct. 1, Mrs. Stackpole, board for son	\$6.00	
Nov. 18, " " " " " "	6.00	
Dec. 27, Abatement of Taxes	1.52	
;; 2, Mrs. Griggs, for son	9.00	
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May, Interest on deposit	114.90	
		137.42
Total receipts	\$14,908.42	

Payments.

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*Cr.**Salaries —*

Miss Pease	\$100.00	
Miss Burnham	175.00	
		\$275.00
Stationery and printing	17.00	
Travelling expenses	38.00	
Sundries	8.42	
		63.42

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*Payments on account of Farm, including Alteration,
Furniture, Implements, &c. —*

Feb'y 14, On account of Farm	\$500.00	
June 3, " " " " " "	3,975.00	
		\$4,475.00
April 11, Examination of title	13.00	
" " Revenue stamp	6.00	
" " Recording deed	1.25	
" 9, N. D. Sanger, carpenter, on account	\$800.00	
June 9, " " " " " "	500.00	
Sept. 7, " " " " " "	700.00	
Dec. 29, " " " " in full	333.21	
		2,333.21
		6,828.46
Amount carried forward	\$7,166.88	

		Amount brought forward	\$7,166.88
April	11,	H. Graves, architect's plan	\$10.00
"	"	Insurance	20.87
July	1,	I. H. Cushman, mason	89.25
Aug.	9,	A. G. Hawkins, painter	317.75
Nov.	9,	Royal Cilky & Co., lumber	46.11
"	"	Wm. Trainer, drain-pipe	26.38
"	"	John Thompson, lead pipe	18.31
"	"	F. F. Eldredge, window blinds	11.25
Oct.	4,	Taxes for 1864	38.13
"	"	House, school, and kitchen furniture	702.87
"	"	Carpets and bedding	298.68
"	"	Furnace and stoves	291.92
"	"	Hardware and cutlery	131.11
May	14,	1 horse	165.00
"	"	2 cows	73.50
"	"	1 cow, exchange	40.00
"	"	1 cart	60.00
"	"	" harness	25.00
"	"	1 plough	3.62
"	"	1 cultivator	2.12
"	"	Hayfork and rakes	1.50
"	"	Hay-cutter	13.88
"	"	Carryall	30.00
"	"	Wagon	29.50
"	"	Sleigh	32.00
"	"	Harness	28.25
"	"	"	2.00
			<hr/> 2,509.00

At this date, the account of expense at "The Home"
commences, March 30, 1864.

Provisions	\$1,711.78	
Clothing	1,251.71	
Miscellaneous	558.62	
Collector	202.75	
Books and printing	118.85	
Labor	95.00	
Salaries, including Miss Burnham, the city visitor . .	1,360.00	
Donation to Rufus R. Cook, attendant at the Police Court, and general agent	300.00	
	<u>5,598.71</u>	
Total payments	\$15,274.59	

Recapitulation.

Receipts previous to the opening of the Home . . .	\$155.00	
Subscriptions for the Farm	7,750.00	
Donations for expense	4,861.00	
Annual subscriptions	2,005.00	
Sundries	137.42	
Balance due Treasurer	363.17	
	<hr/>	\$15,274.59

Payments previous to the opening of the Home . . .	\$338.42	
Payments for Farm alterations, implements, &c. . .	9,337.46	
Provisions, clothing	2,963.49	
Salaries	1,360.00	
Donation	300.00	
All other expenses	975.22	
	<hr/>	\$15,274.59

The Society have received the following donations:—

Otis Norcross, crockery	\$60.00
S. H. Gregory & Co., housepaper	20.00
Hiram Tucker, iron bedsteads	50.00
J. J. Walworth & Co., pump and pipes	69.12

Also from H. W. Wellington, goods; Hinckley & Howland, rope for swing;
F. Bush, loads of wood; Allen, Lane, & Co., 2 pieces of goods; F. Snow &
Co., 100 lbs. salt fish.

BOSTON, June 1, 1865.

I have examined the above account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. S. SCUDDER,
For the Finance Committee.

In examining the Treasurer's Report, the increased cost of all articles of living during the past year will be remembered. Considering this fact, in connection with that of the many extra expenses attending the commencement of such an enterprise, it is hoped that the account will show that the objects of the Society have been pursued without an extravagant cost.

With the diminished cost of living, and with the "Home" sufficiently furnished, the managers believe, from their past experience, that our experiment will exhibit the fact, that our method of a "Home" is as economical as that of large institutions.

J. TOLMAN, *Treasurer.*

BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 1. — The Corporation shall consist, besides those named in the Act of Incorporation, of all persons who shall have been Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Clerks, or Treasurers thereof; of such persons as shall be elected members by the Directors, by ballot, at any stated meeting of the Board; of such persons as shall give to the Corporation, at any one time, one hundred dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of one hundred dollars or upwards, or who shall subscribe for the annual payment of a sum of not less than five dollars, and whose names shall be entered upon the records as members, in virtue of such donations or subscriptions, by a vote of the Directors.

ANNUAL MEETING.

ART. 2. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the first Friday of April, in each year, at such place and hour as the Directors shall appoint.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

ART. 3. — The Directors may call especial meetings of the Corporation whenever they shall think proper; and shall call one whenever requested in writing so to do by any five members.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS; QUORUM, &c.

ART. 4. — Notice of annual and all other meetings shall be given by the Clerk, in two or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least five days previously to the day of meeting; but any meeting may be

continued by adjournment, from time to time, until the business thereof shall have been accomplished. Five persons shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS.

ART. 5. — Stated meetings of the Directors shall be holden on the first Friday of every month, at such place and hour as the Board shall appoint; and special meetings may be called at any time by the written order of the President, or of a Vice-President, or of three of the Directors; and five members shall constitute a quorum.

VACANCIES.

ART. 6. — The Directors shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number, for the residue of the current year.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

ART. 7. — The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Directors; or, in his absence, the Vice-Presidents, in the order of priority; and, if all be absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen at large.

TREASURER.

ART. 8. — The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities, belonging to the Corporation; and shall keep a separate Bank Account of the moneys of the Corporation, in his name, as Treasurer thereof; and shall keep accurate books, belonging to the Corporation, of all receipts and payments on account thereof; and shall pay all demands authorized by the Board or its By-laws. He shall exhibit a summary report to the Directors, quarterly, at their stated meetings and at other times, whenever called upon by them for that purpose; and shall exhibit his books and evidences of property when called upon by an authorized Committee of the Board. At the annual meeting of the Corporation, he shall render a particular and correct statement of all receipts and disbursements of the preceding year, together with an accurate exhibit of all the property belonging to the Corporation, in his hands or custody.

CLERK.

ART. 9. — The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Directors, and keep full and accurate records of their proceedings in separate books. He shall notify the meetings of the Corporation by advertisement, as aforesaid, and all meetings of the Directors by written or printed notifications, at least three days before the meeting.

DIRECTORS.

ART. 10. — The Directors shall have the entire charge of the Home or asylums belonging to, or provided for the use of, the Corporation, and exclusive management and control of all the affairs and property of the Corporation, excepting as is otherwise provided for in these By-laws. They may perform their various duties or functions by such Committees from their own number as they shall think proper, and may act by an Executive Committee during the intervals of their meetings. They shall have power to make contracts binding upon the Corporation; to appoint all such officers, agents, and servants for the management, care, and discipline of the beneficiaries, and conducting of the affairs of the Corporation, with such salaries or compensations as they shall, from time to time, deem to be expedient; to establish all such rules and orders for the government of such officers, agents, and servants, and for the admission of inmates into the asylums, and for the subsequent care, government, and disposition of them under the provisions of the Charter, and for the well-ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the Institution thereby established, as they may, from time to time, deem to be reasonable or expedient, — and shall cause the same to be faithfully executed: Provided, however, that such rules and orders may be at any time altered, revoked, or amended by the Corporation at its annual meeting, or at any meeting called for that purpose by ten or more members; of which meeting at least ten days' notice, setting forth the purpose thereof, shall have been given in two or more newspapers in Boston, and sent by mail to each of the Directors at least five days before such meeting. The Directors shall manage, invest, and dispose of the property of the Corporation, and shall receive and collect donations and bequests; and no sale or transfer of any of the property, and no payment of money, shall be made from the Treasury without their order or that of a Committee duly authorized by them, excepting the

salaries of the regularly appointed officers or servants of the Corporation, where salaries or compensations shall have been especially provided for by some enactment of the Board.

The Directors shall likewise have power to petition the Legislature for any such grants or privileges, and for any such amendments and alterations in, or additions to, the Charter, as they may deem advisable.

The records of their doings shall be laid before the Corporation at the annual meeting: and they shall then make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts, and of the condition of the asylums and the inmates thereof, comprising a statement of the number of inmates or beneficiaries at the beginning of the year; the number admitted, deceased, remaining, or discharged; the number of officers, agents, or servants employed, and their salaries; of the receipts and expenditures of each department; and of all other matters and things pertaining to the Institution, that may tend to exhibit its actual condition and its working, and its usefulness and improvement, or deficiencies and failures.

RULES OF THE DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE 1. — At the first meeting of the Board, after the annual meeting, the following Standing Committees, consisting of members of the Board, shall be appointed: An Executive Committee; a Committee on Admissions, Discharges, and Subsequent Supervision; a Committee on Finance; and a Visiting Committee.

COMMITTEES AND REPORTS.

ART. 2. — The first-named member of a Committee shall preside over it, give notice of the time and place of meeting, and make the report of its proceedings. And all reports shall be in writing, and shall be placed on file.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ART. 3. — The Executive Committee shall have the general charge of the affairs of the Institution during the interval between the regular monthly meetings of the Board, and shall act in its behalf. It shall make or authorize all purchases needful for the support of the officers, servants, and beneficiaries; the repairs of the buildings, the preservation and procurement of necessary furniture, tools, and utensils; and for the general wants of the Institution. The Committee shall hold a meeting whenever requested in writing by any member, officer, or servant of the Institution, setting forth cause therefor, or whenever any one of its members shall see fit to call one; and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be laid before the Board of Directors whenever required. This Committee shall consist of five, two of whom shall be ladies.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND SUBSEQUENT SUPERVISION.

ART. 4. — This Committee shall decide, in the first instance, upon the admission of beneficiaries, subject, however, to the control and revision of the Board. The Committee shall keep a register of the names, ages, places of birth and residence, of all children admitted to the Asylum, or taken under its charge; and of the names and residence of their parents and guardians, so far as may be known to them, with the date of such admission or charge; and of all facts and circumstances in the condition of each child, and leading to its being thus taken in charge, which they shall think worth noting. And such register shall always be laid before the Board at its monthly meetings. The Committee shall also have the regulation and control of the discharges of the beneficiaries, of the placing of them in families, or the procuring of their adoption by suitable persons; and shall, as far as may be convenient, keep oversight and make report of the condition, conduct, and seeming prospects in life of all who may have been thus discharged, placed, or adopted. This Committee shall also have power, and it shall be their duty, in person or by suitable agents, to visit the prisons and courts, and other places where the interposition of the Society shall be needed for the rescue of children from crime or destitution; and take such measures therefor as the emergency may require. All the proceedings of this Committee shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board. This Committee shall consist of three ladies and four gentlemen.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

ART. 5. — The Committee on finance shall assist the Treasurer in the procurement of funds, and advise upon the investment or disposition thereof for the best interests of the Institution. They shall examine and approve bills before payment by the Treasurer, excepting those for salaries and wages of the regular officers, agents, or servants, of the Corporation. They shall devise and carry into effect measures for soliciting donations and procuring funds in money, or articles of use, and have the general charge and superintendence of the pecuniary affairs of the Corporation. This Committee shall consist of three members.

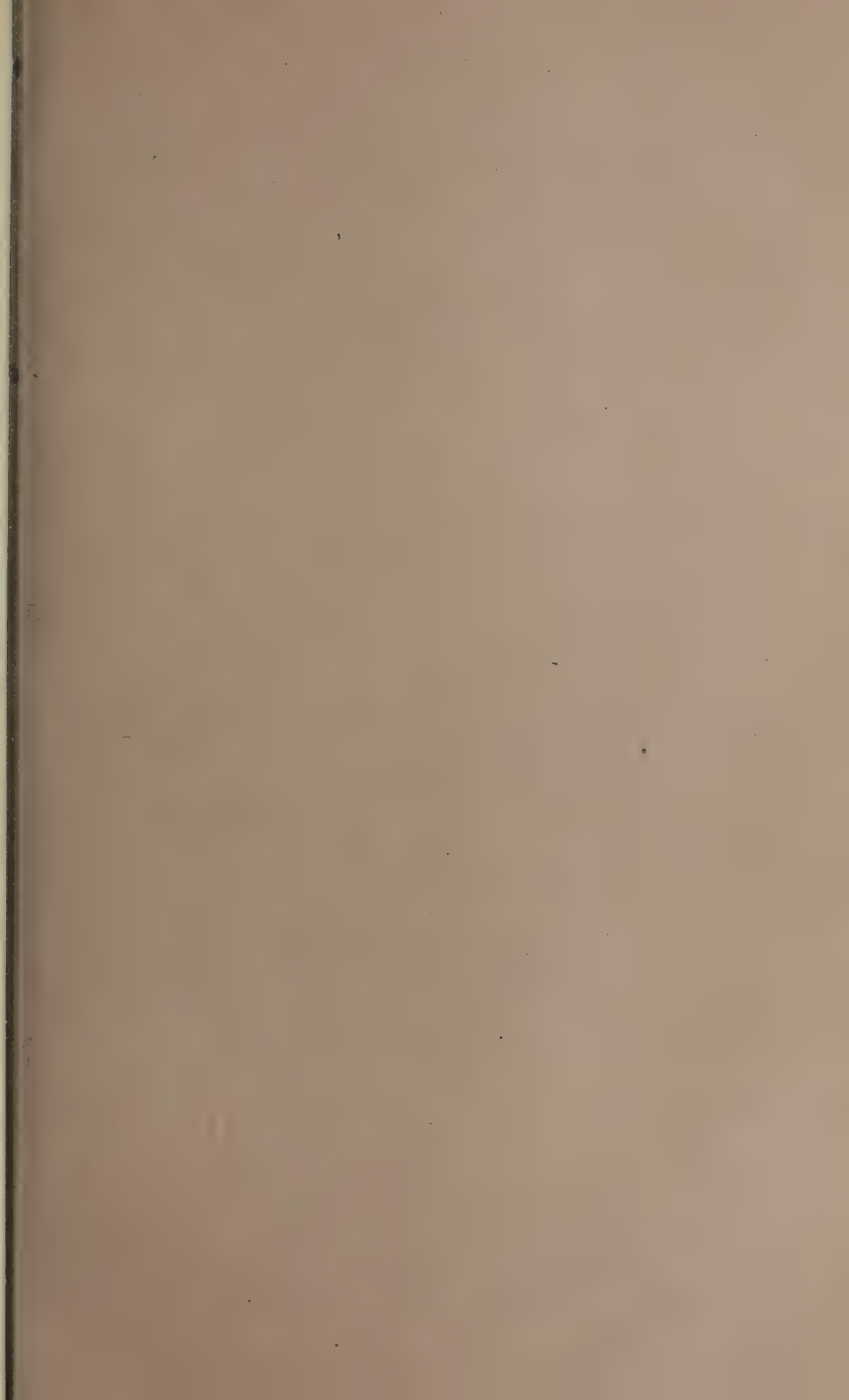
VISITING COMMITTEE.

ART. 6. — The Visiting Committee shall visit the Asylum, and all children in charge of the Institution, at least twice a month. It shall be their duty to see every child whose name is upon the register of the Home ; and to see that such register corresponds with the admissions reported by the Committee on admissions ; and to inspect the condition of each child in regard to dress, neatness of appearance, and decorum ; and to advise the matron or superintendent, if requested, in regard to the management of the children. The Committee shall, at each visit, enter upon the register the time of such visit, with such remarks as they may think proper upon the condition of the Asylum, and certifying whether they did or did not see all the children named in the register, and the reason of the absence of any not seen.

The Visiting Committee shall consist of two for each month, who shall report at the monthly meeting.

ART. 7. — The Treasurer and Secretary may employ such assistance as may be necessary in their respective departments.

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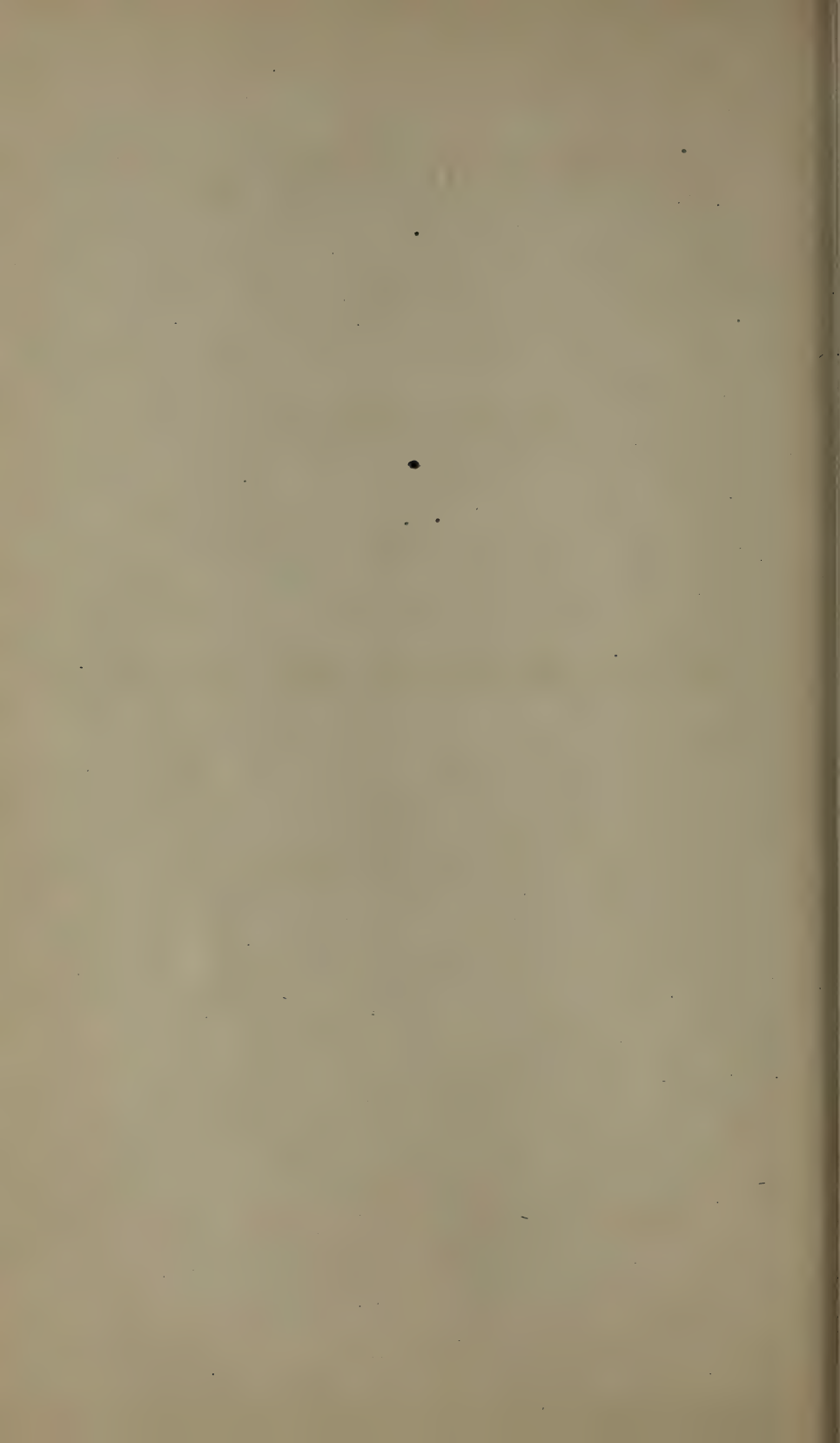
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SEPTEMBER	MR. KINGMAN, MISS JACKSON.
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General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK 22, CURVE STREET.

R E P O R T.

OUR work may be arranged under three classes: That performed at the Home — The Court — The Jail.

THE HOME.

On the 28th June, 1864, our Home at Pine Farm, West Newton, was publicly dedicated to its appropriate use. We proceeded with caution and discrimination in the selection of candidates for admission, and it was sometime before our house was filled. Since its opening we have received 78 boys, of whom 52 were admitted the first year; and since June 1, 1865, 26 have been received. 49 boys have been discharged, 17 since the date of our last report. At that date there were 29 boys at the Farm; there are now 30 in the house — 7 of Irish parentage, 23 of American, German, and Jewish descent. There have been no deaths or serious illness since we commenced. We have placed 14 boys in permanent places in the country, and have the disposal of 20 of our present inmates, with power to dispose of them till the age of 17 or 21 years.

The employees at the Home are as follows: —

Miss LYDIA STONE, matron; salary, \$300.

Mr. and Mrs. HOWE; salary, \$500. Mr. HOWE has charge of the farm, and employs the boys in outdoor work; Mrs. HOWE has charge of the cooking and housework, in which she has the assistance of the boys.

Miss SARAH BANCROFT, teacher; salary, \$14 per month..

Miss HARRIET SCAMMON, assistant in the family work; salary \$14 per month.

The boys attend school five hours in the day, and have made commendable progress; and, for order, discipline, and thoroughness, we think our school will compare favorably with any of the same grade in the city. Our success in this particular is due to the good qualities of our teacher, who has succeeded, in a remarkable manner, in securing the affection of the boys, and their ready compliance with her requirements. Out of school, a more happy and contented set of boys — as they are engaged in work or play — we think it would be difficult to find. Our aim has been to make our work of reform a thorough and permanent one, and we soon found that we could accomplish nothing that would be of practical value unless we could retain the boys under our Home influence for months, instead of weeks, as we at first imagined. Boys enter our Home who — from the neglect of parents or the want of them, from early association with vice and crime in the streets of Boston, from the utter absence of anything like love — wear a hard, suspicious, and often sullen appearance; but under the kind and gentle, yet firm treatment of those that feel for them, and sympathize with them, all this soon wears off, and they become gentle and trustful, and all the higher and before hidden qualities of their nature are developed. As soon, then, as in our judgment it is safe, the boys are placed in a permanent home in the country, if possible, or returned to their parents in case we are not allowed to have the disposal of them. Our work does not cease with this; we keep up a correspondence with the boys who leave us to go to distant homes, or if in the city, they are constantly visited and watched over. Your Committee would here say, that the thanks of the Society are due to those ladies connected with us, who have been so assiduous in watching over and caring for the graduates of our Home. Very much work of this kind is done each week that will never appear in any report, but which does not escape the notice of Him who came to “seek and save them that are lost.”

Let it be our aim, then, to see to it that our work is *well* done, and that every boy that leaves our asylum is, so far as we can effect it, permanently saved to society.

There are some facts of interest that have been developed the past year, for which we were hardly prepared, or rather upon which we did not count. One is, that the boys seem to be inspired with a strong love of country and farm life, to such an extent that they almost, without exception, dislike to return to the city, and greatly prefer to go to homes provided for them in the country. Some interesting facts to prove this could be stated. We venture to give extracts from a few letters out of many we have received from the boys that have been placed in permanent homes; it shows, at least, a marked contrast to their former lives.

CAMPTON, N. H., APRIL 22, 1866.

MY DEAR MISS J.: I received your letter, and was glad to hear from you. We are making sugar now. We have made seven hundred pounds. We tap about four hundred trees. We have two sugar-houses. I tend one, and Mr. W. tends the other. I wait till the sap boils down a little, till it gets sweet, and then I drink as much as I want. We have got our summer's wood cut. I like to cut wood very well. We cut up about forty cords of wood. I have three cows to milk now. We have eleven head of cattle, three horses, fifty hens, thirty sheep. The snow is off here now. It is most time to turn our cattle out now. We will go to plowing next week, and get our corn planted, and our potatoes, and then we will cut our hay. Mowing hay is very hard work. I wish you would ask the teacher if she will send me that song "O, Wrap the Flag around me, boys." Tell Francis and John I will answer their letter soon. Will you please send this letter to my brother, for I don't know where to send it.

F. E. H.

WELLFLEET, SABBATH EVENING, APRIL 29, 1866.

DEAR MISS J.: I thought I would take a little of the time in writing you a letter. I am having a nice time here. I have a nice little dog and cat—one named Boxer, and the other Pinto. I like this place very nice. It is pleasant, and there is nothing around us but woods; and we have a cow, named Nellie, but we call her Nell. She is a very nice cow. I go after her every day. There is not a boy to play with around the house; but a little ways from the house there is a boy to play with me; some days, when his work is done, he comes and plays with me. I wish that you would get me some flower-seeds, if you can. I will be very much pleased if you would. I have been trying to get some; I would like them next week, if you can get them. I am getting along pretty well. I wish you would come down some time and see me, if you can. I have written this letter in a hurry. It is very still all around, Sunday; and at night you can hear the ocean roaring, and hear the peewinks. There is a

creek a little ways from the house, and you can see the herring clipping along the creek. I hope you will write to me some time, when you can, and tell the boys to write to me. All the boys that write to me I will answer their letters. So, good-by, from your nine-year old boy,

C. W. H.

WELLFLEET, MAY 4, 1866.

DEAR MISS J.: I thought I would write you these few lines, to let you know that I am well, hoping that this will find you in the same. I am glad to tell you that I am in a good place: the people are very kind to me. We have twenty-three hens, two roosters, one horse, one cow. Francis has gone to sea. We had a meeting in the church, last Sunday night. We have sung since we have been down here. We have got a good Superintendent. We have a good teacher. Dear Miss J., I feel as if I had given my heart to Jesus. I have been praying for the boys. Please write to me, and let me know how the folks are getting along. No more at present, from your friend,

J. W.

KINGSTON, MAY 17, 1866.

MY DEAR FRIEND: I now have the pleasure of writing you a few lines, to let you know that I am well, and I hope that you are the same. I like this place very much. We have one cow, and one horse. There have been three fires in the woods, one after another. We have planted the corn and the onions. We have a beehive; there are a great many bees in it. There is a little baby here, and she is a cunning little thing. Her name is CLARA WIXON. I thank you for sending me those seeds. I have been spading up the flower-gardens. Mrs. F. is very kind to me, and Mr. F. is too. I went to Sunday-school last Sunday. I got a Sunday-school book. I have set out some cranberry vines, and we have planted some potatoes. We have some little chickens: I like them all. To-day it rains so I cannot work, so I thought I would write to you. Please send me a "Pictorial," if you have one. Please write to me soon. I am trying to be a very good boy.

From your young friend,

J. M. D.

Another development is the fact that, through what we do for the *children* we reach the *parents*, and influence them to think more of what is best for their children. In many a case—where the parents at first looked with distrust and suspicion upon our efforts for their children, thinking we had some sinister end in view—they have, after a while, taken pains to thank us for what we have done, confessing that they did not believe it possible their boys could do so well, and so gratitude has taken the place of distrust and doubt.

During the past year there has been a good degree of religious interest manifested at the Home, and the change in the character and deportment of some of the boys has been remarkable. The testimony of the Superintendent of the Sabbath-school where they attend each Sabbath, is, "that he has no better-behaved or more attentive pupils in his school." May we not hope that our work has the approval and blessing of our heavenly Father?

We insert a letter sent from a boy at the Home, which is a matter of surprise and congratulation, when we consider who and what he was.

WEST NEWTON, FEB. 16, 1866.

DEAR UNCLE COOK: I now take the pleasure of writing a few lines to you. You told me to write to you. I told you I would tell you how I gave my heart to Jesus. I will now tell you. When I first came out here, the first or second night I cannot tell which now, when I went to bed I fell down on my knees, and prayed to God. I did not know then what made me. Now I think it was the Holy Spirit that touched my heart. About a month or two ago I went over to Mrs. W's, and she asked me if I would give my heart to Jesus. I said I would and I did, and I feel the Lord precious to my heart now, and I think I could do any thing for my Saviour. When I pray to him and I get an answer, it makes me feel so happy that I do not know what to do. Jesus has done more for me than I ever can do for him, though all Jesus wants is our hearts, and for us to live for his glory. He says, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I feel as he has unloaded my burden of sin, it was a "happy day when Jesus washed my sins away." I am determined to live for my Saviour. I will try and convert some soul to God. I love to go to prayer meetings. I feel as if they strengthened my faith; they make me happier, too. I will close by bidding you good-by.

A. P.

POLICE COURT.

A very valuable part of our work is performed by our agent, Mr. RUFUS R. COOK, a more indefatigable and hard-working man in this important branch of benevolent effort we think it would be hard to find. Mr. Cook is present at all the sessions of the Police Court, and constantly on the watch for any cases that should come under our cognizance. His system of taking boys on probation, by consent of the Court, instead of, as formerly,

having them sent to jail to await trial, has worked most admirably. During the past year Mr. Cook has received at the Police Court 88 boys, on probation for six weeks each; of these only four had to be returned to the Court as delinquents, and sent to the School-ship or Westboro'. At the Superior Court he has received 35 boys, on probation for 6 months each, all for the crime of larceny; of this number only 3 were surrendered to the Court. These probation boys are obliged to report to him, in person, every week at his house, or at the Court, and so he is enabled to keep an eye upon them. It proves a constant check upon them, and their evident desire, in many cases, to improve is very gratifying. Mr. Cook has taken 6 little girls on probation the same way. He has sent 5 girls to the House of Refuge. Some idea of his work may be formed from the following figures. He has during the past year visited the Jail 268 times; the Toombs or City Prison, 362 times. He has attended 327 sittings of the Police Court. Bailed on probation, of all sorts, including adults, 318. Distributed at the Jail, 8,893 papers; 11,250 tracts. Visited our Home, at Newton, 115 times, and attended a large number of public gatherings of Sabbath-school children. For all this work Mr. Cook receives from the city, as chaplain at the Jail, \$700 per annum — a sum which, for the labor he performs, seems to your Committee far too small. He is not under regular pay from our Society. We have donated \$300 from our funds for his benefit, the past year; and we would call the attention of our friends to the fact that, inasmuch as his work is so closely connected with the objects and design of our Society, that we should pay him a salary in some degree commensurate with his labors. It is a lamentable fact that crime is on the increase in our city. During the past year the whole number tried before the Police Court was 10,437; of this number 1,482 were minors. This shows an increase over the previous year of nearly 2,000, with a corresponding increase of criminal children.

CITY JAIL.

In the early history of our efforts as an association it was a prominent part of our work to visit the Jail, in Boston, and minister to the welfare of the boys we found there. Faithful and devoted ladies, connected with our association, entered into this work with good results, but from various reasons it was found impracticable to continue it with any system or regularity. The Society have therefore employed, the past year, a lady, Miss BURNHAM, at a salary of \$400, who devotes her whole time to labor in the Jail, and in visiting the boys, and their parents at their homes, and those on probation under the care of our agent, Mr. Cook. Her time is thus thoroughly occupied, and she performs her work with commendable zeal and good judgment. Her monthly reports are quite interesting. We give one as a specimen.

MISS BURNHAM'S REPORT.

Miss BURNHAM states that she has made, during the month of April, seventy-two visits to families, and twenty-eight visits to the Jail. She spends more time with the boys in Jail than formerly, because she is the only visitor there besides Mr. Cook. She also gives books to the women once a week.

Of the boys in Jail last month, *three* were United States cases, and have gone to the Dedham Jail, after waiting here for trial two or three months; *two* have gone to the School Ship; *two* to Westboro'; *two* to the House of Correction; *one* to Father HASKINS; some are on probation, and several are let off.

She goes to see them after they leave, to try to "get some idea of them, to get work for them, or to try to put them in the way of it when possible." She thinks some of them seem to improve and try to do better, as far as we can expect. They all appear glad to see her at their homes. One boy of 16 was in Jail *twice* for larceny and drinking; he is now out, and blacking boots. Miss BURNHAM found his mother so intoxicated that she could not see her.

Miss BURNHAM has been to the Receiving-ship Ohio, to see WM. RENO, one of the first three boys she saw in Jail, Novem-

ber, 1864; he was let off by Uncle Cook on probation, after *four* weeks in Jail, *before* trial. He went into the Navy, of his own accord, two years ago; has done so well as to be liked by all; brought all his earnings home to his mother, a widow, and goes to sea again in ten days, for three years. He is now 17 years old. Miss BURNHAM has seen his mother frequently, and thinks that he was influenced by the kindness shown to him. Of the two boys taken with him, one is in the State Prison, the other in the House of Correction.

It has long been the opinion of some of the active members of the Society, that we should not confine ourselves in our operations to boys only, but that something should be done for homeless and friendless girls, of tender age, exposed in precisely the same way as boys, and who, if not cared for and snatched as "brands from the burning," go very far towards swelling the dreadful tide of crime and woe that is so fearfully on the increase in our city; for in the words of our watchful agent, Mr. Cook, "if you save *one* girl from a life of sin and crime, you save *ten* boys." This we believe to be true. But our Society has moved with great caution in its work of reform, looking upon our efforts somewhat in the light of an experiment, and wishing to feel our way, and move no faster than the hand of Providence should point out. Our experiment has been tried, for boys; does any one doubt its success? and has not the time come for us to increase our faith, and enlarge our operations?

A gentleman, not actively connected with our Society, though one of our donors, has taken up this branch of effort with energy, and, in connection with two members of our Society, has purchased an estate at Newton Centre, which is in every way most admirably adapted for such a Home as we should require — the house having been heretofore used as a boarding school for forty pupils is, in its internal arrangements all that could be desired, with a fine schoolroom in a separate building; within five minutes' walk of depot and church, in a location unsurpassed for beauty and healthfulness.

These gentlemen propose to attempt to raise the sum of \$10,000 to purchase and furnish this "House of Mercy," provided the "Children's Aid Society" will then assume the trust and carry on the enterprise, under the care and guardianship

of its organization; \$2,000 of the sum has been already subscribed by three individuals, and it is believed that with the above proviso the necessary sum can be easily obtained. We are aware that large demands have been made upon the public for similar charities, but if any person interested in this particular class of benevolence, will take the pains to visit our Home, and examine the manner in which we work, we think they will be satisfied not only with our present success, but with our plans for more extended usefulness.

Subscriptions for the new enterprise, or contributions in aid of our general work, are earnestly solicited, and may be sent to our Treasurer, JAMES TOLMAN, No. 111, Washington Street.

M. S. SCUDDER,
JAMES TOLMAN,
E. P. BOND,

MRS. HEMENWAY,
MRS. PAINE,
MISS JACKSON,

Executive Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Boston Children's Aid Society in account with the Treasurer, from June 1, 1865, to June 1, 1866.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Atkinson, Geo.	\$5.00	Lyman, Theodore	20.00
Allan & Lane	10.00	Loring, Mrs. Wm. J.	10.00
Atkins, Elisha	10.00	Mackey, R. C.	25.00
Barnard, G. M.	100.00	Minot, G. R.	10.00
Bemis, Seth	25.00	Newman, The Misses	60.00
Bemis, George	25.00	Peabody, Mrs. J. A.	5.00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20.00	Peters, Wm. C.	10.00
Bowditch, J. I.	20.00	Paine, Mrs. F. C.	25.00
Bullard, W. S.	50.00	Parker, James	50.00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50.00	Parkman, Rev. John	20.00
Brimmer, Martin	25.00	Quincy, Miss E. S.	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. S., jun.	20.00	Rice, Kendall, & Co.	10.00
Codman, Mrs. E.	10.00	Rogers, John	10.00
Cabot, W. C.	15.00	Stetson, Joshua	10.00
Callender, Henry	10.00	Scudder, M. S.	100.00
Cabot, Mrs. Sam'l.	10.00	Scudder, C. W.	50.00
Ditson, Oliver	25.00	Sumner, Austin R.	10.00
Daniell, Otis	10.00	Thayer, Nathaniel	100.00
Endicott, Wm., jun.	100.00	Torrey, Samuel	10.00
Guild, C. E.	10.00	Tilton, Stephen & Co.	20.00
Greene, Mrs. B. D.	10.00	Tolman, James	25.00
Greenleaf, R. C.	100.00	Tileston, J. B.	26.00
Gray, Geo. H. & Danforth	20.00	Vose, Mrs. E.	5.00
Guild, Miss E. Q.	5.00	Ware, Dr. Chas. E.	15.00
Head, C. D.	25.00	Wales, Mrs. A. L.	20.00
Hooper, Miss E. S.	25.00	Waterston, Rob't	20.00
Hooper, Dr. R. W.	25.00	Wentworth, P. H.	25.00
Horswell, Kinsley, & Co.	20.00	Wales, Miss M. A.	100.00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100.00	Wigglesworth, The Misses	50.00
Jackson, Miss E.	25.00	Winthrop, R. C.	10.00
Jackson, Chas., jun.	10.00	Welles, G. D.	10.00
James, Wm. E.	10.00	Whitney, Ed. (besides dona'n)	20.00
Kidder, H. P.	50.00	Whitwell, Mrs. W. S.	10.00
Lowell, C. Francis	50.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	20.00
Loring, C. W.	20.00	Young, Mrs. Alex.	5.00
Lowell, John	10.00	Young, Miss Fanny	5.00
Loring, Chas. G.	100.00	Young, Miss	5.00
Lowell, Georgina	50.00		
Lyman, Mrs. G. W.	10.00	Total	\$2,146.00

DONATIONS.

Amory, William	50.00	Lowell, Mrs. C. R. . . .	10.00
Appleton, Mrs. Nathan . .	20.00	Lawrence, Amos A. . . .	25.00
Burr Brothers & Co. . . .	100.00	Mudge, E. R., Sawyer, & Co.	50.00
Bond, George Wm. . . .	25.00	Minot, William	10.00
Bowditch, J. I. . . .	20.00	Naylor & Co. . . .	100.00
Bartoll, Mrs. E. H. . . .	10.00	Perkins, Mrs. Wm. . . .	20.00
Brooks, Mrs. P. C., as residuary		Pratt, the Misses	200.00
legatee of Mrs. John Hurd, 200.00		Pickering, Mrs. H. W. . .	25.00
Bancroft, Mrs. E. P. . . .	50.00	Pickering, H. W. . . .	25.00
Curtis, Charles P. . . .	10.00	Paine, Mrs. R. T., jun. . .	20.00
Cabot, Mrs. J. Elliot . . .	25.00	Rice, M. T. . . .	5.00
Dale Brothers & Co. . . .	50.00	Rogers, H. B. . . .	20.00
Donnison, Miss & sister . .	200.00	Rogers, John	10.00
Dana, D. D. . . .	25.00	Sargent, Turner	10.00
Foster & Taylor	50.00	Sturgis, Henry P. . . .	25.00
Friend, A, by Miss Jackson .	50.00	Sewall, Moses	10.00
Friend, A	100.00	Sabbath School, Grantville .	40.00
Gray, John C. . . .	50.00	Sawyer, John	10.00
Green, Mrs. D. B. . . .	10.00	Sturgis, James	20.00
Gardner, George	20.00	Stone, Mrs. J. O. . . .	10.00
Goodwin, Mrs. Ozias . . .	20.00	Shannon, Miss Mary, for	
Gardner, J. L. . . .	100.00	friend	10.00
Hubbard, Mrs. C. T. . . .	50.00	Sunday Infant-school Class,	
Howe, George	100.00	in Grantville	1.25
Hunnewell, H. H. . . .	100.00	Scudder, M. S. . . .	41.00
Heard, A. . . .	25.00	Stanwood, H. B. . . .	25.00
Hogg, Brown, & Taylor . .	25.00	Toby, E. S. . . .	25.00
Hall, John R. . . .	100.00	Whitney, Ed. (besides annual)	20.00
Jackson, Mrs. Lydia . . .	10.00	Warren, S. D. . . .	50.00
James, Mrs. Henry . . .	10.00	Wigglesworth, Edw. . . .	25.00
Kingman, Abner	25.00	Winslow, Geo. S. . . .	50.00
Little, Brown, & Co. . . .	25.00		
Lee, Henry, jun. . . .	10.00	Total	\$2,557.25

Receipts.

<i>Dr.</i>	
Annual Subscriptions	\$2,146.00
Donations	2,257.25
Sundries	183.15
	<u>\$4,886.40</u>

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By Balance due Treasurer, June 1, 1865	\$16.17
Cash paid for Provisions	1,675.04
" " Clothing and Shoes	485.17
" " Salaries	1,452.00
" " Miscellaneous Expense	1,184.63
" " Appropriation to Rufus R. Cook	300.00
	<u>\$5,113.01</u>
Brought down total Expense	\$5,113.01
" " " Receipts	\$4,886.40
Amount due Treasurer, June 1, 1866	<u>226.61</u>
	<u>\$5,113.01</u>

We are also indebted to many friends for donations of books, clothing, and food, for our Christmas and Thanksgiving tables, and especially to the kind friends and neighbors at West Newton, who, through Mr. DAVIS, presented the school with a handsome globe.

BOSTON, JUNE 1, 1866.

I have examined the above Account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. S. SCUDDER,
For the Finance Committee.

Of the miscellaneous expense, \$625 have been spent for necessary repairs, implements, and improvements—all of which is included in the total, which is made the basis of the average weekly cost.

The average cost per week, from June 1, 1865, to June 1, 1866, has been, for each boy, \$2.81.

The second Annual Report of the Board of State Charities,
gives for—

LANCASTER.—Girls	\$2.61
WESTBORO'.—Boys	3.13
SCHOOL SHIP.—Boys	4.32
BOSTON HOUSE OF REFORMATION.—Boys	3.00

Mr. HOWE, the Superintendent of the Farm, reports that he
raised, last year, of—

Potatoes	220 bushels.
Carrots	140 "
Mangel-wurzel"	50 "
Table Beets	25 "
Parsnips	5 "
Turnips	6 "
Onions	5 "
Tomatoes	12 "
White Beans	4 "
Shell and String Beans	5 "
Peas	7½ "
Green Corn	20 "
Cabbages	100 head.
Amount of Pork raised and butchered	1,027 lbs.
Sold 2 Calves, for Cash	\$18.00
" Pigs, " "	11.00
" Pork and Lard	52.48
" Eggs	58.29

He has this season under cultivation one-half acre of roots,
ten square rods of onions, two acres of potatoes, and other crops,
placing "under the hoe" about four and one-half acres, not
including about one-half acre in strawberry beds.

JAMES TOLMAN, *Treasurer.*

J. C. Davis

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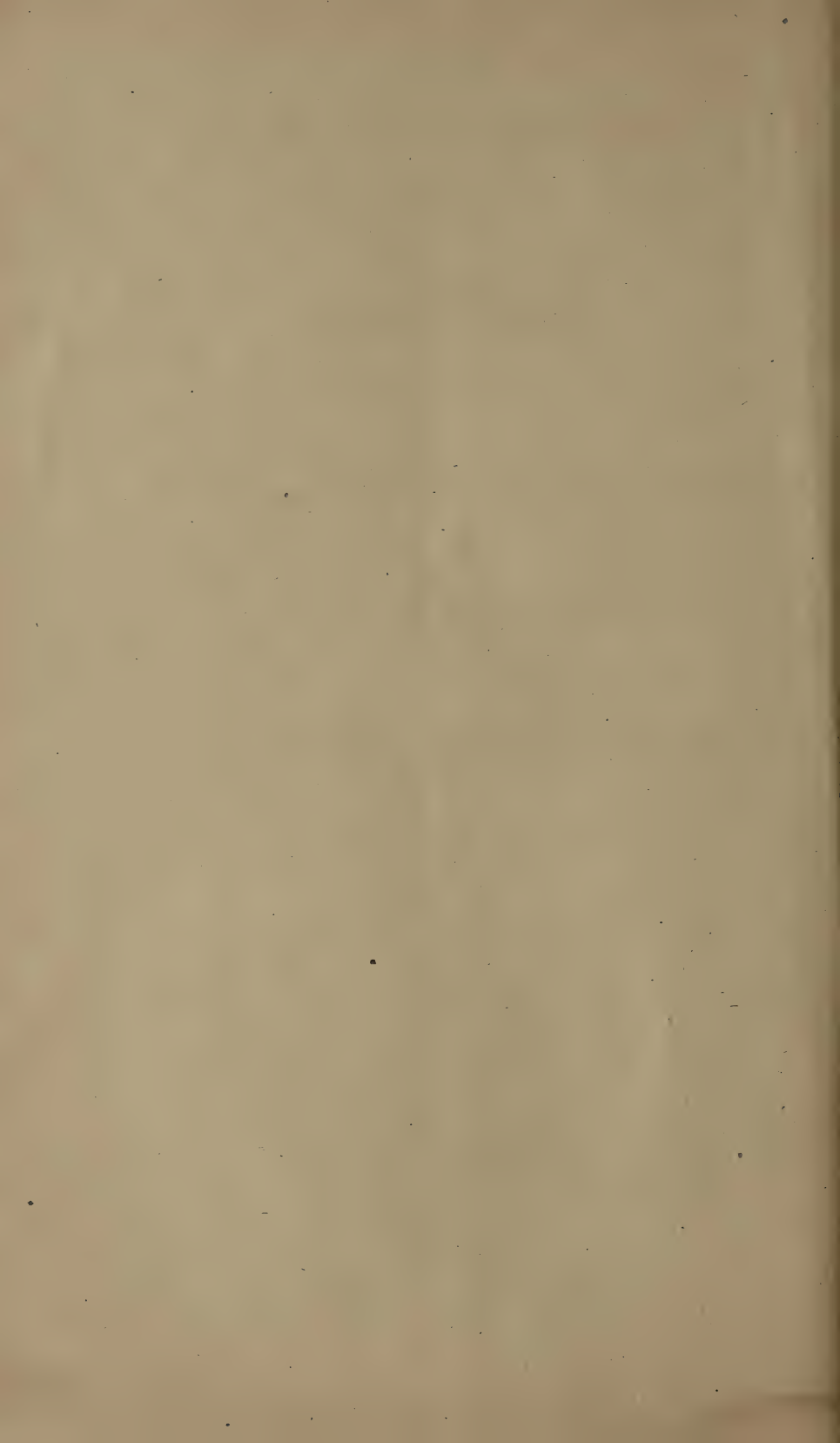
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Nov., Mr. and Mrs. LORING.

Dec., Mr. and Mrs. THAYER.

Jan., Mr. and Mrs. HUBBARD.

Feb., Mr. ELLIS, Mrs. PAINE.

March, Mr. BEMIS, Mrs. BARNARD.

April, Mr. BOND, Mrs. WHITTEMORE.

May, Mr. BARNARD.

June, Mr. PARKMAN.

July, Mr. CLARKE, Mrs. HEMENWAY.

Aug., Mr. and Mrs. TOLMAN.

By a vote of the Board, the following ladies were invited to co-operate with the Committees in the care of "THE GIRLS' HOME," at Newton, and to meet with the Board at its regular monthly meetings:—

Mrs. WILLIAM CLAFLIN.

Mrs. FREDERICK SWEETSER.

Mrs. SARAH H. CADUC.

Mrs. CHARLES W. SCUDDER.

Mrs. M. B. FURBER.

Miss LUCY RUSSEL.

Miss MARIANNE PAINE.

General Agent.

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REPORT OF THE FARM SCHOOL

AT WEST NEWTON.

WE have this year to make a joint report of the two establishments under our charge, the Farm School for boys at West Newton, and the house for girls lately opened at Newton Centre.

Our family at West Newton has nearly reached its fourth year, and we have been encouraged by our confidence in its usefulness to put it on a permanent footing, and to ask of our subscribers to relinquish their title to the estate in favor of the Society. It will be remembered that the farm was purchased by joint subscriptions, to be so held for three years, and then, at the will of the subscribers, to be transferred to the Society.

We are confirmed by our three years' experience in the opinion, that most of the children who roam our streets, learning lessons of vice and crime, only need for their redemption to be removed to homes in which the best influences shall surround them, such homes as would seem to be the natural right of all children. The Rauhe Haus at Hamburg and the Mettrai families are well-known examples of this truth; our small and limited experiment resembles these in that we seek to have the same animating spirit of family love, but it differs from them in this, that the children do not pass their whole boyhood at the Farm, as at Mettrai and Hamburg.

We continue to think that so secluded a life is not best during the whole of boyhood, though we keep our boys longer than was our first intention. Some of them are so young, from eight to ten years old, that it is very hard to find good places for them, especially this year, when the cost of living is so high. They come from the worst homes, are just beginning thieving or vagrant habits, and are generally given by bad parents to our charge till they are seventeen or eighteen years old. These little boys are our perplexity. They have improved very much, and are very interesting and dear to us. No one can think that we ought to refuse to take them till they are hardened by two or three years of wrong-doing, when the same years passed with us may bring them well-prepared to an age when they can be placed in families. The difficulty of finding places for such little boys, in cases where they are not given up for adoption, is felt quite as much in other temporary homes, or institutions, as in our own. We wish that the Society would authorize us to try the plan of paying moderate board to families in which we can trust them, and thus enable us to benefit a larger number.

In getting places for our boys we propose, as far as possible, to put several in one neighborhood, because we can more easily watch over them and learn the characters of the families in which they are placed. We have planted one colony of eleven boys at Wellfleet, on Cape Cod, who have, with one exception, done excellently well. We began with sending two boys there in our first year, and the people have sent again and again for more of "our boys." We have frequent intercourse, Mr. Cook keeping up his fatherly relation to them, and their bright happy letters show their contentment. We are especially indebted to the Rev. Mr. MORRISON and to Mrs. MORRISON for their thoughtful interest in choosing good places, and for their great kindness to our boys, befriending them in sickness and in health. We are glad to have this opportunity of expressing our warm gratitude.

We differ from Mettrai and the Rauhe Haus in this also that their households and schools are almost exclusively under the charge of men. The superintendence and authority of a man are necessary, and Mr. HOWE has an admirable power of controlling and employing the boys, but the charge of our household and school is entrusted to women, and it is surprising

to see how completely these wild spirits yield to the tender, wise control of Miss STONE, and of their young teacher. No restraint or confinement is used except for punishment, our gates and doors stand open as in a private family. Of course this liberty has its dangers, and there are some natures that need a stricter discipline, but we find that the confidence placed in our boys gives us a greater hold on them than bolts and bars. We have on the whole but little trouble from running away, especially considering how near we are to the city. This year had passed very smoothly, and we thought it would be completed without any mischances, but each spring is a critical period, as we then part with several of our steady older boys and take in wild little ones; then, too, when the sap begins to circulate in young plants, the vagrant frolicsome impulses, so strong in these boys, seem to stir anew, and we have had each year, at this season, two or three occurrences of the kind, but they do not much disturb the peace of the household, as they are confined to very few boys, and the runaways usually gladly return to the Farm. We act according to our judgment in each case. One boy who ran away this spring, joined at once with an elder brother released from the School Ship in a robbery, for which they were both sent to Public Institutions, and another one was sent to Deer Island by his mother. The brothers belong to a very low Irish family, their father and mother have been repeatedly in Jail and the House of Correction. These are exceptional cases, but we choose to tell of our difficulties, and we may also express our satisfaction with the harmonious, happy, confiding spirit of the family, with the improvement of the boys, and with their lively interest in school and at their work, and with their kindly feelings to one another. They take a hearty pleasure in all the occupations of the Farm. We have never had from any person with whom we have placed a boy, a complaint of laziness or unwillingness to work. When alterations were made in the house this year, and carpenters were employed for several weeks, the boys were delighted to help in fitting and nailing laths, or in any work that could be done by such small hands. They won the good opinion of the workmen, who said they had never worked where boys gave so little trouble, and the head carpenter asked Mr. HOWE "where he got such good boys."

These details are given in answer to those of our friends who wish to know what we are doing, but are not able to visit the

Farm. We are aware of many mistakes and short-comings, but we believe that we have succeeded in the main thing, in making our children feel the sweetness and sacredness of home life, and their own relation to the great family of the Heavenly Father. There are few childish hearts that are not softened, and led, for a time at least, to desire better lives, and many boys have expressed, in various ways, the same thought, "The year that I have spent at West Newton is the best of my life."

We should not wish to place every child in the State, who is without a good home, in such a Farm School as ours; we believe that a boy of steady, tractable character, had better go at once where he will remain, but we also believe, as the result of our observation and experience, that it is the best place for boys of wild, vagrant, or dishonest habits. There is needed to tame them, a special devotion, patience, and sympathy, which are not universal or even common traits. There are many families where a good boy will have a good home, but a bad or "trying" boy will meet with little mercy, and this is rather the character of New-England homes. Then, too, a boy very quickly becomes contented and learns new habits of order and obedience, when there are around him the happy faces of other boys to inspire him with confidence. Every boy who can safely be placed in a private family is so much saved, and we shall be very happy to see this method pursued for the boys now sent to almshouses, and for many others, but we believe that a large number will still remain for whom there is most hope in such families as ours, or in the stricter discipline of Public Institutions.

All people who seek to help these boys, in whatever way, meet with an obstacle in the injurious influence of bad parents or brothers. We are not remarkably troubled by it, parents are more willing to let their children stay with us than in private families, but our usefulness would be much increased if the law gave us fuller control of our boys.

It is our experience, that boys who are sent to country places by us or by their friends, with few exceptions, do well; those returned to tolerably good homes show a marked improvement; those returned to bad homes often struggle bravely, but the result is very doubtful. It is in behalf of these most unfortunate children that we desire the support of the law.

We have received during two years and eleven months, 99 boys, of whom

- 7 were readmissions.
- 29 went to the country.
- 9 are at Westboro, the School Ship, Deer Island, or the Almshouse.
- 2 removed for bad conduct.
- 2 were of weak intellect.
- 23 went to their homes.
- 27 are at the Farm.

During the past year there have been 21 admissions, 23 have left, of whom 9 went to the country; 16 of those at the Farm are of American birth, 11 of foreign parentage. The nine boys sent to Public Institutions include, as far as we know, all who have come before the courts since they left West Newton. Our number was not full this spring on account of a case of scarlet fever in Mr HOWE's family.

We have had but one serious illness during these years, and this was caused by an accident. The little boy owes his life to Miss STONE's devotion and skill as a nurse, and to the able care he received from our kind friend, Dr. ALLEN WHITNEY, who must accept our thanks for the attention and advice he gives us so liberally.

We must repeat our thanks for the continued kindness of Mrs. WHITTEMORE, and of our many friends at West Newton. We would express our gratitude to Mrs. GILSON for the great assistance we have had from her in clothing the children, and for her valuable influence over those who have left us.

It is needless to say that Mr. Cook's devotion—and the inspiration of his presence among our boys and girls—is a great and constant help. He must tell us himself of his other labors in less pleasant places, and of Miss BURNHAM's efficient aid.

Our Treasurer's account shows our very great need of money. If our friends feel as we do, that this undertaking is worthy of support, we hope they will contribute, and induce others to do so, to pay the debt incurred during the last year, and to increase our annual subscriptions.

MR. COOK'S LABORS AT THE JAIL, AND ELSEWHERE.

Persons bailed on probation the present year, 273. Not one-eighth per cent of these have been back to Court after their discharge.

No. of visits to the Jail	252
Attended sittings of the Municipal Court. . . .	311
Visits to the tombs of the City Prison	373
Visits to the two Schools at Newton	137
Distributed at the Jail, tracts	7,525
Pages of tracts	20,362

Furnished places for between 20 and 30 boys and girls, who were too old to be received at the Home.

Have spoken at 73 Sabbath-school concerts, of different denominations.

Miss BURNHAM'S work is principally with the juvenile criminals.

She has made 301 visits to the Jail; 662 visits to the families of boys confined as criminals, and to those of the boys on bail by Mr. Cook.

These boys while on bail visit Mr. Cook regularly, at his house, and it is believed to be through his and Miss BURNHAM'S influence, that so few of them are found in the Court as second comers.

For the Executive Committee.

THE HOME FOR GIRLS IN NEWTON CENTRE

Received its first inmate on the 12th day of November, 1866. Since that time only nine have been added, the managers deeming it of the first importance to proceed with great care in filling up the number, in order to ensure a good tone from the start. Of these children, three are six years of age, three are nine, and four are eleven. They are under the care of Mrs. REBECCA R. POMEROY, whose faithful and efficient services in our hospitals at Washington, during the war, are gratefully remembered. Since the first of May, in the present year, the girls have been gathered into a school under the care of a teacher. The Matron reports encouragingly of her work. The children are improving, and already find much satisfaction in their Sunday and week-day duties and devotions. The plan of instruction includes sewing and household industry, and there is every reason to believe that working and praying will here, as everywhere else, be crowned with success.

The Home is situated on Centre Street, opposite the old Dr. HOMER estate, and cost about \$7,000, the gift of benevolent individuals who seek to accomplish for girls what the Home at Pine Farm has been doing for boys. Ten Sunday Schools have contributed the larger part of what was needed to furnish the rooms. These schools are of five different denominations, comprising the Trinitarian Congregational in Brookline, seven parishes in Newton, one in Wellesley, and one in Grantville. The ladies of Brookline and Newton have been especially energetic and helpful. Mrs. POMEROY's room has been handsomely fitted up by her friends in Chelsea, whilst a lady of Newton Centre has furnished the spare room. The chambers are about twenty-four in number, and have been supplied at a cost of about \$30 each, in a plain but comfortable manner, and they are all thoroughly ventilated. Particular mention should be made of the substantial interest in the undertaking which has been manifested by Mr. C. T. HUBBARD. Our good friend, Mr. COOK, has looked after our wants, and visited the Home

through all the storms of winter, to the great satisfaction of the inmates.

Very interesting dedicatory services were held on Christmas Day, at which the Sunday Schools that have fostered our undertaking were represented by full delegations. Prayers and a Christmas Carol, and addresses by Mr. SCUDDER and by different clergymen were followed by an entertainment provided for the children, and the distribution amongst them of Christmas gifts. In every way it was a pleasant and profitable occasion.

It is believed that this new department of our work affords abundant encouragement, and will in due time yield to the faithful laborer a gratifying harvest.

STATEMENT OF MRS. POMEROY.

GIRLS' HOME, NEWTON CENTRE.

MY DEAR MRS. CLAFLIN,—

At your request, I submit the following: The 1st of October, 1866, the house was open for repairs, and after being thoroughly cleaned, painted, and the needed repairs made, it was furnished, and in November the Home was in readiness for that class of unfortunate little girls who were in the broad road to ruin. As the door was opened to welcome *them*, the first one invited in was He who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," for we know without Him we can do nothing, and His blessing was sought with a strong desire that He would come and be the Head, to watch over us, to order our course, and bless us, both temporarily and spiritually. On the 12th of November, Uncle Cook brought the first scholar, who had been confined away from home and friends for several weeks, waiting for the Girls' Home to be opened, and the first three months she was a great trial, but we are now happy to say she is decidedly improving, yields more readily, and we feel in hopes, when her year has expired, she will return to her friends a good Christian girl. I have never resorted to harsh treatment with her, but have tried kindness with firmness, hoping, by so doing,

the good that is in her might be called out. I have nine others, three of them are six years old, three are nine, and the remaining four are eleven. Dr. ROBINSON has been called to one who had some difficulty with the heart, and has also vaccinated them. The children all seem healthy and happy. During the winter months the house was very comfortable, and after having the care of the children for six months, from early morning till bed-time, I felt the need of a teacher to relieve me of some of the burden. The 1st of May the teacher took the school. I think the children are improving; they behave well in Church, get along with their studies, are learning to mend their clothes and make them. Mrs. CHASE has been faithful in teaching them in the kitchen. I feel that we have some jewels waiting for the touch of the Master's hand to make them shine for Heaven. Sometimes when my spirits have flagged, I have heard the sound of prayer from those little ones, "God bless Auntie POMEROY," and it has been a stimulus for me, as prayer will call down blessings that *nothing else* can. Our children go to Sunday School and Church, have their library books to read, and repeat a verse from the Bible Sabbath evenings at devotion, and daily, at the morning and evening devotion, repeat the Lord's prayer. There have been several donations of part worn clothing, with books, boots and shoes, and Uncle Cook has looked after our wants, and visited us through all the storms of winter, has brought the little ones to us, and by his smiling face the children are made happy. Our other kind friend, Mr. CHARLES HUBBARD, has visited us a few times, and donated some articles for the Home.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The Boston Children's Aid Society in Account with JAMES
TOLMAN, Treasurer.*

1867.	<i>Dr.</i>	
June 1.	To balance from former account	\$225.61
	Paid Provisions	1,789.13
	„ Clothing	606.10
	„ Improvements Real Estate	1,128.09
	„ Miscellaneous	825.09
	„ Salaries	1,169.50
		\$5,743.52

	<i>Cr.</i>	
June 1.	By Annual Subscriptions	\$2,325.00
	Donations.	2,466.84
	Sundries	206.25
	Balance due Treasurer	745.43
		\$5,743.52

1867.	
June 1.	To balance due Treasurer brought down \$745.43

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD P. BOND.

The Society is indebted to many friends for useful gifts, for the "Boys' Home," during the past year — especially to Messrs. WM. CLAFLIN & Co., for a liberal contribution of shoes, to Mrs. S. T. MORSE, and Mrs. HENRY LEE, for clothing; F. T. BUSH, Esq., for wood; to Messrs. MACULLAR, WILLIAMS, & PARKER, for six turkeys, and \$22 in cash to provide for the Thanksgiving festivities, and to others for means to afford bountiful supplies for similar occasions in the year.

Mr. HOWE, the Superintendant of the Farm, reports that his crop of potatoes was injured at least one-third, both in quantity and quality, by the "grub worm," but we had about

Potatoes	200 bushels.
Table Beets	23 "
Carrots	152 "
Mangle-wursel	80 "
Peas	8½ "
Shell and String Beans	7 "
Tomatoes	9 "
Green Corn, ears	30 "
Turnips	25 barrels.
Onions	9 "
Cabbages	300 heads.
Winter Squashes	400 lbs.
Pork—raised and butchered	713 "

Sold for cash, 375 lbs. of Pork, at 14 cts.	\$52.50
Five Pigs	26.00
Two Calves	19.00
Three Barrels	6.00
Two boxes of Strawberries	2.00
Cabbages . . . . .	.72
Potatoes	1.50
Eggs	59.38

He says we have now under cultivation about four acres.

During the year an ample cistern has been built; material alterations and additions have been made to the house, which were required by its necessities.

The cost of these improvements, without an increase of receipts, have made a deficiency, which with the amount due the Treasury, and unpaid indebtedness, amount to \$1,645.43.

To give increased facilities for occupation for the boys, and to aid in rendering the Institution self-supporting, it has been deemed essential to purchase an adjoining tract of land. This will require \$1,500.00 in addition.

Confident that the Institution is doing a good work, the Directors do not hesitate to appeal to its friends and the public for means to meet the above demands.

JAMES TOLMAN,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS

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to June, 1867.*

Atkinson, Geo.	\$5.00	Lowell, John	10.00
Allen & Lane	10.00	Loring, Chas. G.	100.00
Atkinson, Elisha	10.00	Lowell, Georgina	50.00
Amory, Francis	25.00	Lyman, Theodore	20.00
Barnard, G. M.	100.00	Lowell, John A.	10.00
Bemis, Geo.	25.00	Mackey, R. C.	20.00
Bemis, Seth	25.00	Minot, G. R.	10.00
Bowditch, J. I. (see don.)	20.00	Newman, The Misses	60.00
Bullard, W. S.	50.00	Peabody, Mrs. J. A.	5.00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50.00	Peters, Wm. C.	10.00
Brimmer, Martin	25.00	Paine, Mrs. F. C.	25.00
Cabot, Mrs. Samuel, jun.	20.00	Parker, James	50.00
Codman, Mrs. E.	10.00	Parkman, Rev. John	20.00
Cabot, W. C.	15.00	Quincy, Miss E. S.	5.00
Callender, Henry	10.00	Rogers, John	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Samuel	10.00	Stetson, Joshua	10.00
Converse, J. C.	5.00	Shaw, Mrs. R. G. to June,	
Cabot, Miss Sarah	5.00	1866	20.00
Ditson, Oliver	25.00	Scudder, M. S., (see don.)	100.00
Daniell, Otis	10.00	Scudder, C. W.	50.00
Davis, James	10.00	Sumner, Austin R.	10.00
Endicot, Wm., jun.	100.00	Thayer, Nathaniel	100.00
Foster, Miss Elizabeth A.	25.00	Torrey, Samuel	10.00
Guild, C. E.	10.00	Tilton, Stephen & Co.	20.00
Greene, Mrs. B. D.	10.00	Tolman, James	25.00
Greenleaf, R. C.	100.00	Vose, Mrs. E.	5.00
Gray, Geo. H. & Danforth	20.00	Ware, Dr. Chas. E.	15.00
Guild, Miss E. Q., Brookl'e	5.00	Wales, Mrs. A. L.	20.00
Hooper, Mrs. Anne S.	100.00	Waterson, Rob't, (see don.)	20.00
Hooper, Miss Alice L.	100.00	Wentworth, P. H.	25.00
Head, C. D.	25.00	Wales, Miss M. A.	100.00
Horswell, Kinsley, & Co.	20.00	Wigglesworth, The Misses	50.00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100.00	Winthrop, R. C., for self	
Jackson, Miss E.	25.00	and Wells, G. D.	10.00
Jackson, Chas., jun.	10.00	Whitney, Edw. (see don.)	20.00
James, Wm. E.	10.00	Whitwell, Mrs. S.	10.00
Jackson, Mrs. Lydia	20.00	Wigglesworth, Thos.	20.00
Kidder, H. P.	50.00	Young, Mrs. Alex.	5.00
Lowell, Francis C.	50.00	Young, Miss Fanny	5.00
Loring, C. W.	20.00	Young, Miss	5.00

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Austin, Edward	25.00	Lawrence, Amos A.	25.00
Brooks, P. C.	25.00	Lee, Henry, jun.	10.00
Burr Bros. & Co.	100.00	Loring, Miss Isa E.	25.00
Bond, Geo. Wm.	25.00	Lock, D. B.	5.00
Bowditch, J. I.	20.00	Lyman, Mrs. G. W.	50.00
Bartol, Mrs. E. H.	10.00	Merriam, Mrs. L. B.	10.00
Bryant, Miss Julia	50.00	Naylor & Co.	50.00
Cabot, Mr. & Mrs. J. Elliot	25.00	Pratt, The Misses	200.00
Cushman, J. H. (bill)	12.75	Pickering, H. W.	25.00
Dale Bros. & Co.	25.00	Paine, Mrs. R. T., jun.	20.00
Donnison, Miss E. L. (3 donations)	400.00	Paine, Dr. Jos. T., Roxbury	25.00
Dana, D. D.	25.00	Parker, Mrs. B. C. C., per Rev. Patrick, W. Newt'n	20.00
Ellis, Jonathan	15.00	Rogers, H. B.	100.00
"E" Miss, Cambridge	30.00	Rogers, John	10.00
Foster & Taylor	25.00	Ruthven, Miss	5.00
Fletcher, Richard	50.00	Russell, Dr. L. B.	20.00
Freeland, C. W.	25.00	Sturgis, Henry P.	20.00
Goddard, Miss Louisa M.	25.00	Sewall, Moses	10.00
Gardner, George	20.00	Saltonstall, Henry	100.00
Goodwin, Mrs. Ozias	20.00	Sunday School, Grantville	40.00
Gardner, John L.	25.00	Scudder, M. S.	6.59
Gerry, C. F.	5.00	Sunday School Class in Har- vard Church, Brookline	10.00
Goddard, Geo. A.	25.00	Toby, E. S.	25.00
Hubbard, Mrs. C. T.	50.00	Thompson, John G. and G. R. Horton (bill)	52.50
Howe, Jabez C.	50.00	Vose, Mrs. E.	5.00
Howe, George	25.00	Whitney, Edward (see an- nual	25.00
Hunnewell, H. H.	25.00	Warren, S. D.	25.00
Heard, A.	25.00	Wigglesworth, Edw.	25.00
Hogg, Brown, & Taylor	25.00	Winslow, Geo. S.	25.00
Hall, John R.	10.00	Wales, G. W.	30.00
Hooper, E. W.	25.00	Wigglesworth, Thos. (be- sides annual)	25.00
Hooper, Dr. R. W.	25.00	Warterston, Rob't (see an- nual	20.00
Hooper, Miss E. S.	25.00		
Howes, Miss E., Salem	50.00		
Joy, C. H.	25.00		
Kingman, Abner	25.00		
Little, Brown, & Co.	25.00		

DONATIONS FOR THE GIRLS' HOME.

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- Nov. 4. From Mrs. FURBER (New'n Centre), 1 Set Chamber Furniture.
 - „ 4. From a Sabbath-school Class (Rev. Mr. FURBER'S), 6 lbs. of Butter.
 - „ 19. From Mrs. WILLIAM LIBBEY, 1 doz. Lamps, 6 doz. Chimneys, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Brackets, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Reflectors, 1 Hall Lamp, 1 Lamp for Reception Room, with 3 doz. Salts.
 - Dec. 1. From the New Jerusalem Church (Newtonville), \$75; also private, \$10, making \$85, which was put into the hands of Mr. M. SCUDDER.
 - „ 15. From Deacon CHARLES DAVIS, 1 Hall Carpet, valued \$25.
 - „ 20. From Mrs. CHARLES HUBBARD, for Yarns, Cotton, &c., \$5.
 - „ 21. From Mr. CHAS. HUBBARD, 1 bbl. Potatoes, 1 bbl. Molasses, 30 lbs. Rice, 20 lbs. B. Sugar, 50 lbs. Hominy, 50 lbs. Cracked Wheat.
 - Jan. 2. From the Baptist S. School (Newton Centre), 1 lb. Sugar, 4 lbs. Dried Apples, 1 lb. of Rice, 1 qt. Beans, some Vegetables, with part-worn Garments, Boots, and Shoes.
 - „ 4. From the Harvard Church and Sunday School (Brookline), 12 pairs Blankets, 3 Table Cloths, 12 pairs Sheets, 28 Pillow Slips, 54 Towels, 4 doz. Handkerchiefs, 9 Brush Bags, $1\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Hair Brushes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Dressing Combs, 1 doz. Fine Combs, 1 doz. Tooth Brushes, 1 doz. Round Combs, 14 new pieces Under Clothing, 5 new Shirts, 4 Woolen Dresses, 12 Calico Dresses, with 24 Aprons.
 - Feb. 10. From the Congregational Benevolent Society (Rev. Mr. FURBER), 57 new Under Garments, 8 pairs Sheets, 3 pairs Pillow Slips, with part-worn Garments, Books, &c.
 - „ 11. From Miss M. SHANNON (Newton), 1 doz. Bound Books.
 - „ 12. From Mr. M. SARGENT (Boston), „ „
 - „ 13. From Mrs. Coffin (Newton Corner), 3 Childrens' Quilts, made by the Channing Circle.
 - „ 13. From Mr. WARD (Newton), 2 boxes Vegetables.
 - „ 14. From New Jerusalem Church (Newtonville), 21 new pieces of Clothing, with some part worn.
 - Mar. 26. From the Young Ladies' Seminary (Auburndale), 11 new pieces of Clothing, with 1 Woolen Dress.
 - Apr. 15. From Miss LORING (Newton), 4 doz. Eggs.
 - May 9. „ „ „ 1 bbl. Potatoes.
 - „ 18. From Mrs. WM. DRAPER (Boston), 1 doz. Handkerchiefs, 40 yards Calico.

DONATIONS IN MONEY.

Jan. 18.	From Mrs. THEODORE PARKER, (Boston)	. . .	\$10.00
„ 18.	From Miss S. E. HAM,	„ . . .	10.00
Féb. 23.	From Miss NELLIE DRAPER	„ . . .	5.00
Mar. 16.	From Mrs. JOEL H. SMITH, (Newton Corner)	.	10.00
„ 20.	From Mrs. PERKINS . . . . .	.	2.00
May. 4.	From the Girls and Boys' Club, (Newton Corner)		17.00
„ 18.	From Mrs. KEITH, (Newtonville)	. . . . .	2.00

The above receipts are here acknowledged as they were received at the Home, and did not pass through the Treasurer's hands except as specified.

The subscriptions for the Girls' Home, which are kept distinct, are sufficient to pay for the estate, and to support it for the present. They will be acknowledged in full hereafter.

JAMES TOLMAN.

Treasurer.

BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 1.—The Corporation shall consist, besides those named in the Act of Incorporation, of all persons who shall have been Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Clerks, or Treasurers thereof; of such persons as shall be elected members by the Directors, by ballot, at any stated meeting of the Board; of such persons as shall give to the Corporation, at any one time, one hundred dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of one hundred dollars or upwards, or who shall subscribe for the annual payment of a sum of not less than five dollars, and whose names shall be entered upon the records as members, in virtue of such donations or subscriptions, by a vote of the Directors.

ANNUAL MEETING.

ART. 2.—The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the first Friday of June, in each year, at such place and hour as the Directors shall appoint.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

ART. 3.—The Directors may call special meetings of the Corporation whenever they shall think proper; and shall call one whenever requested in writing so to do by any five members.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS; QUORUM, &c.

ART. 4.—Notice of annual and all other meetings shall be given by the Clerk, in two or more newspapers printed in

Boston, at least five days previously to the day of meeting; but any meeting may be continued by adjournment, from time to time, until the business thereof shall have been accomplished. Five persons shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any number present shall have authority to adjourn a meeting.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS.

ART. 5.—Stated meetings of the Directors shall be holden on the first Friday of every month, at such place and hour as the Board shall appoint; and special meetings may be called at any time by the written order of the President, or of a Vice President, or of three of the Directors; and five members shall constitute a quorum.

VACANCIES.

ART. 6.—The Directors shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number, for the residue of the current year.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

ART. 7.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Directors; or, in his absence, the Vice Presidents, in the order of priority; and, if all be absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen at large.

TREASURER.

ART. 8.—The Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities, belonging to the Corporation; and shall keep a separate Bank Account of the moneys of the Corporation, in his name, as Treasurer thereof; and shall keep accurate books, belonging to the Corporation, of all receipts and payments on account thereof; and shall pay all demands authorized by the Board or its By-laws. He shall exhibit a summary report to the Directors, quarterly, at their

stated meetings and at other times, whenever called upon by them for that purpose; and shall exhibit his books and evidences of property when called upon by an authorized Committee of the Board. At the annual meeting of the Corporation he shall render a particular and correct statement of all receipts and disbursements of the preceding year, together with an accurate exhibit of all the property belonging to the Corporation, in his hands or custody.

CLERK.

ART. 9. — The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Directors, and keep full and accurate records of their proceedings in separate books. He shall notify the meetings of the Corporation by advertisement, as aforesaid, and all meetings of the Directors by written or printed notifications, at least three days before the meeting.

DIRECTORS.

ART. 10. — The Directors shall have the entire charge of the Home or asylums belonging to, or provided for the use of, the Corporation, and exclusive management and control of all the affairs and property of the Corporation, excepting as is otherwise provided for in these By-laws. They may perform their various duties or functions by such Committees from their own number as they shall think proper, and may act by an Executive Committee during the intervals of their meetings. They shall have power to make contracts binding upon the Corporation; to appoint all such officers, agents, and servants for the management, care, and discipline of the beneficiaries, and conducting of the affairs of the Corporation, with such salaries or compensations as they shall, from time to time, deem to be expedient; to establish all such rules and orders for the government of such officers, agents, and servants, and for the admission of inmates into the asylums, and for the subsequent care, government, and disposition of them under the provisions of the Charter, and for the well-ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the Institution thereby established, as they may, from time to time,

deem to be reasonable or expedient, — and shall cause the same to be faithfully executed : Provided, however, that such rules and orders may be at any time altered, revoked, or amended by the Corporation at its annual meeting, or at any meeting called for that purpose by ten or more members ; of which meeting at least ten days' notice, setting forth the purpose thereof, shall have been given in two or more newspapers in Boston, and sent by mail to each of the Directors at least five days before such meeting. The Directors shall manage, invest, and dispose of the property of the Corporation, and shall receive and collect donations and bequests ; and no sale or transfer of any of the property, and no payment of money shall be made from the Treasury without their order or that of a Committee duly authorized by them, excepting the salaries of the regularly appointed officers or servants of the Corporation, where salaries or compensations shall have been especially provided for by some enactment of the Board.

The Directors shall likewise have power to petition the Legislature for any such grants or privileges, and for any such amendments and alterations in, or additions to, the Charter, as they may deem advisable.

The records of their doings shall be laid before the Corporation at the annual meeting ; and they shall then make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts, and of the condition of the asylums and the inmates thereof, comprising a statement of the number of inmates or beneficiaries at the beginning of the year ; the number admitted, deceased, remaining or discharged ; the number of officers, agents, or servants employed, and their salaries ; of the receipts and expenditures of each department ; and of all other matters and things pertaining to the Institution, that may tend to exhibit its actual condition and its working, and its usefulness and improvement, or deficiencies and failures.

RULES OF THE DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE 1.—At the first meeting of the Board, after the annual meeting, the following Standing Committees, consisting of members of the Board, shall be appointed: An Executive Committee; a Committee on Admissions, Discharges, and Subsequent Supervision; a Committee on Finance; and a Visiting Committee.

COMMITTEES AND REPORTS.

ART. 2.—The first-named member of a Committee shall preside over it, give notice of the time and place of meeting, and make the report of its proceedings. And all reports shall be in writing, and shall be placed on file.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ART. 3.—The Executive Committee shall have the general charge of the affairs of the Institution during the interval between the regular monthly meetings of the Board, and shall act in its behalf. It shall make or authorize all purchases needful for the support of the officers, servants, and beneficiaries; the repairs of the buildings, the preservation and procurement of necessary furniture, tools, and utensils; and for the general wants of the Institution. The Committee shall hold a meeting whenever requested in writing by any member, officer, or servant of the Institution, setting forth cause therefor, or whenever any one of its members shall see fit to call one; and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be laid before the Board of Directors whenever required. This Committee shall consist

of not less than five, nor more than twelve members, to be chosen from time to time as the Directors may see fit, at least two of whom shall be ladies.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND SUBSEQUENT SUPERVISION.

ART. 4. — This Committee shall decide, in the first instance, upon the admission of beneficiaries, subject, however, to the control and revision of the Board. The Committee shall keep a register of the names, ages, places of birth, and residence, of all children admitted to the Asylum, or taken under its charge; and of the names and residence of their parents and guardians, so far as may be known to them, with the date of such admission or charge; and of all facts and circumstances in the condition of each child, and leading to its being thus taken in charge, which they shall think worth noting. And such register shall always be laid before the Board at its monthly meetings. The Committee shall also have the regulation and control of the discharges of the beneficiaries, of the placing of them in families, or the procuring of their adoption by suitable persons; and shall, as far as may be convenient, keep oversight and make report of the condition, conduct, and seeming prospects in life of all who may have been thus discharged, placed, or adopted. This Committee shall also have power, and it shall be their duty, in person or by suitable agents, to visit the prisons and courts, and other places where the interposition of the Society shall be needed for the rescue of children from crime or destitution; and take such measures therefor as the emergency may require. All the proceedings of this Committee shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board. This Committee shall consist of three ladies and four gentlemen.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

ART. 5. — The Committee on Finance shall assist the Treasurer in the procurement of funds, and advise upon the investment or disposition thereof for the best interests of the Institution.

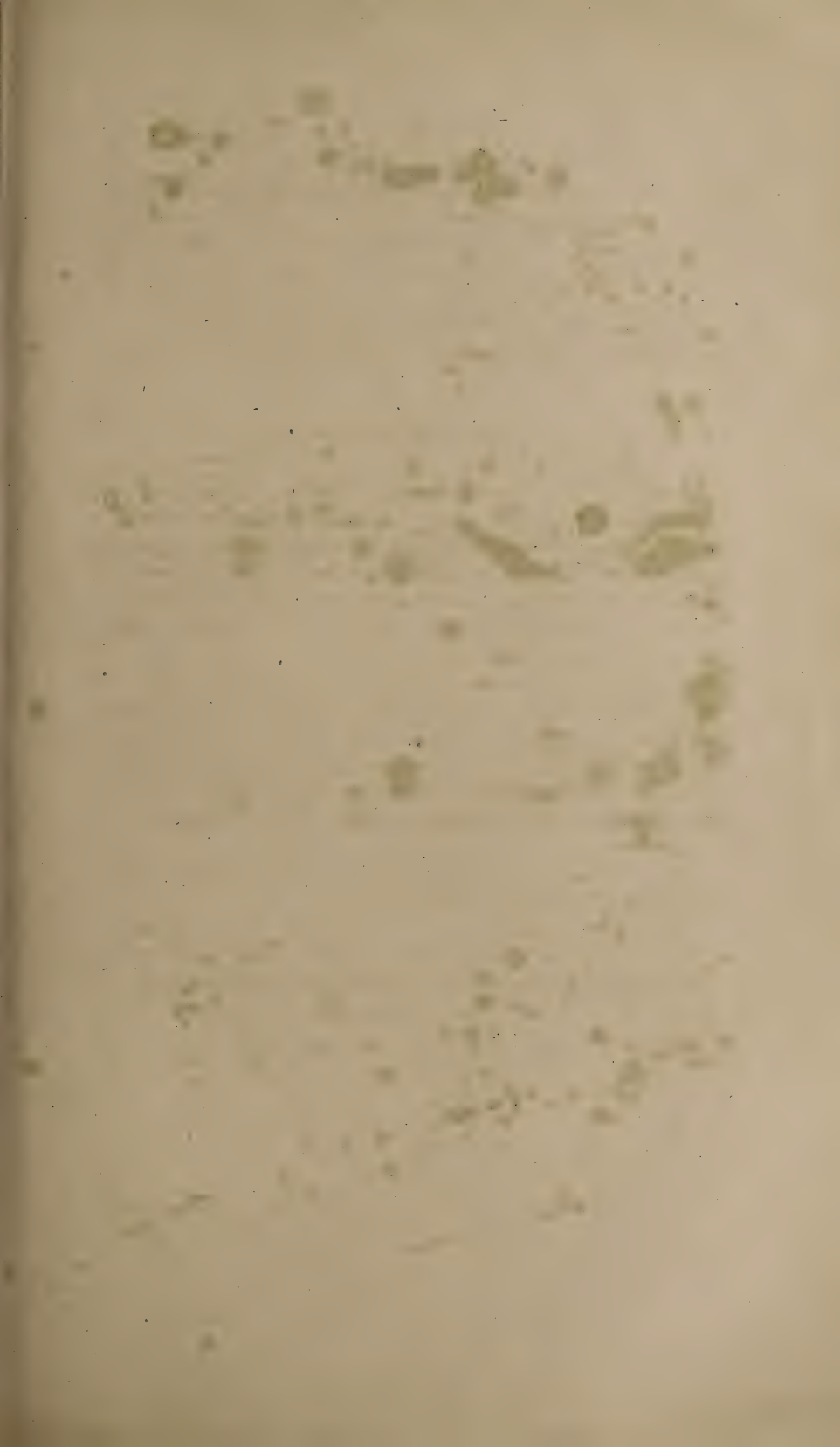
They shall examine and approve bills before payment by the Treasurer, excepting those for salaries and wages of the regular officers, agents, or servants, of the Corporation. They shall devise and carry into effect measures for soliciting donations and procuring funds in money, or articles of use, and have the general charge and superintendence of the pecuniary affairs of the Corporation. This Committee shall consist of three members.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

ART. 6.—The Visiting Committee shall visit the Asylum, and all children in charge of the Institution, at least twice a month. It shall be their duty to see every child whose name is upon the register of the Home; and to see that such register corresponds with the admissions reported by the Committee on Admissions; and to inspect the condition of each child in regard to dress, neatness of appearance, and decorum; and to advise the matron or superintendent, if requested, in regard to the management of the children. The Committee shall, at each visit, enter upon the register the time of such visit, with such remarks as they may think proper upon the condition of the Asylum, and certifying whether they did or did not see all the children named in the register, and the reason of the absence of any not seen.

The Visiting Committee shall consist of two for each month, who shall report at the monthly meeting.

ART. 7.—The Treasurer and Secretary may employ such assistance as may be necessary in their respective departments.





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Visiting Committee.

June, Mr. PARKMAN, Mrs. FURBER.
July, Mr. CLARKE, Mrs. HEMENWAY.
Aug., Mr. & Mrs. TOLMAN.
Sept., Mr. KINGMAN, Miss JACKSON.
Oct., Mr. LOWELL, Miss LOWELL.
Nov., Mr. & Mrs. C. W. SCUDDER.

Dec., Mr. & Mrs. CLAFLIN.
Jan., Mr. & Mrs. HUBBARD.
Feb., Mr. ELLIS, Mrs. PAINE.
M'ch, Mr. BEMIS, Mrs. BARNARD.
Apr., Mr. BOND, Mrs. WHITTEMORE.
May, { Mr. & Mrs. BURDETT,
 { Rev. C. F. BARNARD.

General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK 22 CURVE STREET.

REPORT OF FARM SCHOOL

AT WEST NEWTON.

THE visitors for each month have made very satisfactory reports of our Home at Pine Farm. We have been so fortunate as to have retained in charge those whose services have been from the beginning so valuable, and the results of their faithful labors are already to be seen. In the House, on the Farm, and in the School Room, the boys are wisely and kindly disciplined. The fruits of the Matron's spirit are abundantly manifest. The Treasurer's Report will show that our farmer has taught the boys to plant in the time of planting, and to exercise a good husbandry, whilst our School will bear comparison with our public schools of the same grade, and witnesses for the fidelity and success of the teacher. The great want still is, some instrumentality by which, through providing homes for our boys in the country, we can benefit a larger number during the year, and the friends of our Society are most earnestly asked to interest themselves in this branch of our work, and put us in communication, not so much with those who are looking for boys who can serve them, as with those who are looking for boys whom they can serve by training them to be good and useful men. We have done something in this direction, but there is need to do a great deal more. We ought to add that a protracted stay in the best regulated institution is not to be desired in comparison with a home in a family.

There are now twenty-eight boys at West Newton. Of these nine are of Irish birth, the others are American, English, and Scotch. Eighteen boys have been admitted during the year, and seventeen have left, five have gone to places in the country, and ten were returned to their friends or provided with employment in town. Two ran away soon after they came, and we refuse to receive them again. With very few exceptions, we continue to have good accounts of the boys sent to the country during past years. We have kept up some oversight of the children in town, and most of them are quite steady at school or at work. Their friends find a marked improvement in them. Mr. WM. WHITTEMORE has rendered most valuable services in giving singing lessons to the children, a part of their training which is absolutely indispensable. Dr. WHITNEY's kindness, as our physician, and Mrs. GILSON's co-operation in making clothes, deserve a thankful recognition. Our neighbors and others have not forgotten our Home, but have in many ways replenished basket and store, as will be found by a list of gifts which Miss STONE has sent to be added to this report. The writer of these few paragraphs chanced to be visiting the Home when a most generous donation of eatables for the children was brought to the door. Such kindnesses are most welcome, and are abundantly appreciated, and they show that the fountains of human love are not and cannot be dried up.

We have been pained to know that Miss STONE met with a severe accident during the winter. She scarcely allowed herself any rest from her duties on this account.

There are some nine or ten boys now who might better, months ago, have gone to places, could places have been found. Mr. Cook has put himself in communication with a large body of ministers, and it is to be hoped that in this way and in other ways, we may promote a more rapid circulation through our School, and so escape the evils of stagnation against which the most earnest and the wisest vigilance can hardly secure us.

REPORT OF GIRLS' HOME, NEWTON CENTRE.

There has been a very unusual amount of sickness in Newton Centre the past six months among children, but the inmates of the "Home" have been singularly exempt from the prevailing diseases.

There is very marked improvement in the appearance and behavior of the children generally.

The Matron, Mrs. POMEROY, has managed the whole arrangements of the Home with great economy, tact, and skill, and the attachment of the children to her is ample proof of her motherly sympathy with, and tender care of them.

Miss BECKLER has managed the school with manifest improvement of the children, and deserves high commendation for her skill and fidelity as a teacher. In the Domestic Department, specially in charge of Miss DYER, all the arrangements have been highly satisfactory. Her management of the children during their working hours has been successful in a very high degree. She combines decision and authority with great patience and kindness, and Mrs. POMEROY has no doubt of her competency to fill her station.

REPORT OF MR. COOK.

Miss BURNHAM has made herself very useful at the jail, and we hear that she is much esteemed and valued by the Sheriff. She teaches the boys in the jail, visits those on probation, gets places to work, or aids them in any way she can. She has made about 300 visits to the jail; 760 visits to families or for other purposes. The boys in jail are regularly taught by Miss BURNHAM, and she visits the families of those on bail by Mr. Cook.

SCHOOLS FOR NEWSBOYS AND BOÖTBLACKS

Have been opened by the city under direction of a Committee of the School Board in answer to the petition of this Society. They are now in good working order, and cannot fail to secure the best results. The Society have in hand other plans looking to the same ends, and they hope soon to be able to report further progress in the great work of preventing evil. Now is the accepted time. To-morrow will be too late for many who are within our reach to-day.

The debt created by the necessary purchase of a piece of land adjoining our farm, and by permanent addition to our buildings has not yet been fully provided for, and funds are still required to complete the payments for the estate devoted to the Girls' Home. The charges of our various enterprises exceed our income, and it is very necessary to take some steps by which the gifts of those who would surely appreciate what we are doing might be secured.

Our Society has suffered more than we can tell during the year, in the death of Hon. CHAS. G. LORING, who from the start has been our President and more. Chiefly indebted to him for the instrument under which we have done our work, he had been our counsellor and friend month by month, and year by year, and had given form to all our efforts for the enactment of laws with reference to neglected, exposed, and erring children. Our work in all its department was understood by him, as it could be understood only where the understanding is quickened by the heart. His last will was found to contain the following clause:

"I give five hundred dollars to 'The Boston Children's Aid Society' as a permanent fund, the income of which shall be appropriated towards payment of salaries of the persons employed in its service, hoping that a permanent fund may be contributed sufficient for this purpose, in the belief that annual contributions may be more readily obtained if the donors shall know that their gifts will be entirely given to the objects of their bounty."

In the words of our Treasurer, we will express the hope that this appropriation by Mr. LORING will suggest to others the value of this institution, so that this bequest shall become the nucleus of a fund sufficient to accomplish the benevolent desire expressed in his will.

We, the undersigned, agree to pay the sums set against our respective names for the purchase of an organ, to be presented to the "Children's Aid Society," for the use of the "Girls' Home at Newton Centre."

GEO. S. DEXTER, Newton Centre	\$20.00
THOS. NICKERSON, " "	20.00
E. W. DENNISON, Newtonville	20.00
JAS. J. WALWORTH, "	10.00
GEO. L. BULLENS, Newton Corner	10.00
KIMBALL BROS. " "	10.00
CHESTER GRAVES, " "	10.00
JOEL H. HILLS, " "	10.00
Dr. CHAS. E. DEARBORN, Newton Corner	5.00
HENRY P. COLE, " "	5.00
JOSEPH N. BACON, " "	5.00
CHAS. T. HUBBARD, Weston	10.00
D. B. JEWETT, Newton Corner,	10.00
Cash Donations	33.00
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	\$178.00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Boston Children's Aid Society in Account with
JAMES TOLMAN, *Treasurer.*

To balance from last year	\$745.43
Cash paid for Provisions	2,117.59
" " Clothing	608.01
" " Salaries	2,940.46
" " Miscellaneous	4,261.05
	<u>\$10,672.54</u>

By Annual Subscriptions	\$2,020.00
Donations	7,554.26
Sundry receipts	57.98
Balance due Treasurer	1,040.30
	<u>\$10,672.54</u>

Balance due Treasurer	\$1,040.30
" The Loring Fund "	600.00

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it properly vouched, and correctly cast.

E. P. BOND, *Auditor.*

Mr. HOWE, Superintendent of the Farm, reports the following as a part of the products of the same:

Potatoes	236 bushels.
Mangle Beets	108 "
Table "	13 "
Carrots	78 "
Parsnips	21 "
Onions	15 "
Peas	8½ "
Corn on the ear	55 "
Turnips	66 "
Beans	2 bbls.
Cabbages, heads	260.
Raised and butchered of Pork	990 pounds.

JAMES TOLMAN, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS

To "The Boys' Home," from June 1, 1867, to June 1, 1868.

Atkinson, Geo.	\$5.00	Lowell, John	10.00
Allen & Lane	10.00	Loring, Chas. G.	100.00
Atkins, Elisha	10.00	Lowell, Georgina	50.00
Amory, Francis	25.00	Lyman, Theodore	20.00
Barnard, Geo. M.	100.00	Lowell, John A.	10.00
Bemis, Geo.	25.00	Mackey, R. C.	20.00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20.00	Minot, G. R.	10.00
Also for the year 1867	20.00	Newman, the Misses	60.00
Bowditch, J. I.	20.00	Peabody, Mrs. J. A.	5.00
Bullard, W. S.	50.00	Peters, Wm. C.	10.00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50.00	Paine, Mrs. F. C.	25.00
Cabot, Mrs. S., jun.. . . .	20.00	Parker, James	50.00
Codman, Mrs. E.	10.00	Quincy, Miss E. S.	5.00
Cabot, W. C.	15.00	Rice, Kendall, & Co.	5.00
Callender, Henry	10.00	Rogers, John	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. S.	10.00	Stetson, Joshua	10.00
Cabot, Miss Sarah	5.00	Shaw, Mrs. R. G., to June,	
Ditson, Oliver	25.00	1867	20.00
Daniell, Otis	10.00	Sumner, Austin	10.00
Davis, James	10.00	Saltonstall, H. (see Special)	100.00
Endicott, Wm., jun.	100.00	Thayer, Nathaniel,	100.00
Foster, Miss Eliz. A.	25.00	Torrey, Samuel	10.00
Guild, C. E.	10.00	Tilton, Stephen & Co.	20.00
Greene, Mrs. B. D.	10.00	Tolman, James	25.00
Greenleaf, R. C.	100.00	Vose, Mrs. E.	5.00
Gray, Geo. H. & Danforth	20.00	Ware, Dr. Chas. E.	15.00
Guild, Miss E. Q.	5.00	Wales, Mrs. A. L.	20.00
Griswold, James M.	10.00	Waterston, Rob't	20.00
Head, C. D.	25.00	Wentworth, P. H.	25.00
Hayward, Mrs. G.	10.00	Wales, Miss M. A.	100.00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100.00	Wigglesworth, the Misses	50.00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10.00	Whitney, Edw. (see Don.)	20.00
Jackson, Miss E.	25.00	Whitwell, Mrs. W. S.	10.00
Jackson, Chas., jun.	10.00	Wigglesworth, Thos.	20.00
James, Wm. E.	10.00	Young, Miss	5.00
Jackson, Mrs. Lydia	20.00	Young, Miss Fanny	5.00
Kidder, H. P.	50.00		
Lowell, Francis C.	50.00	Total	\$2,020.00

Friends did not forget "The Boy's Home" on the return of the festive days of the year. On those occasions no stint was felt in the Home to remind the inmates that their lot was peculiar. A good Providence and sympathizing friends supplied special tokens of affection for each. Fruits and other useful gifts are frequently received at the Home which can be only generally though gratefully acknowledged.

Mr. C. T. HUBBARD provided means for the Thanksgiving dinner; on that occasion, Mr. JOSEPH A. NEWELL sent 30 pairs of India rubber boots, a pair for each boy; $5\frac{1}{2}$ cords of wood have been received from Mr. F. T. BUSH; 22 cotton and 2 flannel shirts from the Channing Circle, West Newton. Clothing from Mrs. S. T. MORSE; \$10.00 in cash from Miss A. PERKINS, Saco, Maine.

The item of donations in the receipts includes the special subscriptions to pay for about $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land bought during the year at a cost of \$1500, and for expense incurred in the last year in building an adequate cistern, and in making permanent improvements to the estate, also a temporary loan of \$1500, and the amount of the "Loring Fund."

The item of "Miscellanies" in the expense account covers the loan of \$1500, beside the amount paid for the land, also the amount invested as "The Loring Fund."

At the annual meeting of the Society it was voted, that the Fund initiated by the following clause in the Will of our late President, the Hon. CHAS. G. LORING, should be designated hereafter as "The Loring Fund":—

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE GIRLS' HOME.

The following account commences with the first receipt by the Treasurer for the Girls' Home. In furnishing the house for the opening, a few sums of money were probably received and appropriated, which did not pass through the Treasurer's hands, which will explain omissions in acknowledgment, if any have occurred.

1866.

AUG.	22.	Sunday School at Grantville, per M. S. SCUDDER	\$30.00
OCT.	1.	Sunday School at Wellesley, per J. W. WINSLOW,	30.00
"	3.	CHARLES T. WILDER	25.00
"	8.	M. E. Sunday School, Newtonville	30.00
"	19.	Misses R. A. and A. C. LOWELL	100.00
NOV.	8.	Sunday School, West Newton, GEO. ALLEN, Supt.,	60.00
"	10.	Eliot Sunday School, Newton Corner	100.00
"	13.	Grantville Sunday School	23.50
"	26.	Sunday School of Rev. Mr. PATRICK'S Society	60.00
DEC.	5.	MRS. JOHN W. JAMES	50.00
		B. C. WHITE	25.00
"	7.	MRS. B. G. SHAW	100.00
"	12.	Rev. JOHN WORCESTER, from his Sunday School	85.00
		S. School at Auburndale, per L. A. JOHNSON, Supt.,	67.16
		Ladies' Benevolent Society, Newton Upper Falls	30.00
"	19.	B. Wood, from Class in 1st Congregational S. S., Newton	38.00
"	20.	Miss M. HOOPER	100.00
		E. W. HOOPER	50.00
"	26.	Miss JULIA BRYANT	50.00
		Mrs. R. T. PAINE, jun.	20.00
"	28.	Newton Centre Sunday School, J. F. HYDE, Supt.,	30.00
		Class of Young Ladies, Harvard S. S., Brookline	10.00
		Mrs. Dr. CABOT	25.00
"	30.	BASSETT, FRENCH, & Co.	25.00

1867.

FEB.	1.	JOHN L. GARDNER	100.00
"	6.	M. E. Church, Newton Centre, per R. COOK	30.00
"	16.	JOHN SMITH	10.00
		WM. I. BOWDITCH	10.00

	ISRAEL NASH	10.00
	JOHN ATKINSON, Liberty Square	50.00
	WM. F. WELD	100.00
	Mr. and Mrs. MCGREGOR	50.00
FEB. 21.	Baptist S. S., Newton Centre, per R. COOK	60.00
	JOHN ERSKINE	50.00
MAR. 4.	WM. CLAFLIN for Mr. and Mrs. N. P. COBURN	100.00
	Mrs. S. G. ASHTON, per R. E. ROBBINS	25.00
APR. 18.	Mr. and Mrs. J. ELLIOT CABOT	25.00
JUNE 10.	Miss WARE's Class, Grantville S. S.	5.00
„ 19.	E. S. RITCHIE	25.00
	T. J. LEE	10.00
	I. C. C.	10.00
	A. F. S.	10.00
	J. R. BURDETT	10.00
	A. J. J.	10.00
	A Friend	50.00
	W. B. J.	10.00
	Cash	5.00
DEC. 4.	Mrs. E. H. ELDRIDGE	200.00

1868.

JAN. 20.	FREDERICK SWEETSER	100.00
	H. S. BURDETT, (second donation)	50.00
	C. W. SCUDDER	50.00
	G. H. MINOT	25.00
JAN. 20.	F. H. SCUDDER	10.00
FEB. 26.	Miss WALES	50.00
MAR. 10.	A Friend	25.00
„ 27.	The Cabot Theatricals	94.66
MAY 12.	A Friend, (same for boys)	250.00
„ 14.	One-half proceeds May-day Festival, W. NEWTON, per G. ABBOT	369.78

 \$3,153.10

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Miss AMELIA J. HOLMES, (two payments, \$3 each)	6.00
C. T. HUBBARD	100.00
BENJAMIN SEWALL	100.00
R. L. SAVELL	25.00
H. S. BURDETT, (sec. don.)	50.00
FRANCIS C. LOWELL, (2 years)	200.00
Miss E. JACKSON	5.00
C. H. DUDLEY	10.00

 \$496.00

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR REAL ESTATE.

CHARLES G. LORING	100.00
SEWALL, DAY, & CO.	500.00
Miss M. A. WALES	500.00
NATHANIEL THAYER	500.00
ABNER KINGMAN	500.00
GEO. M. BARNARD	500.00
C. T. HUBBARD	1,000.00
M. S. SCUDDER	500.00
C. W. SCUDDER	500.00
E. A. F.	500.00
Mrs. M. HEMENWAY	500.00
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	\$5,600.00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Real Estate	5,600.00
Annual Subscriptions	496.00
Donations	3,153.10
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Total	9,249.10

EXPENSE.

Provisions	1,311.21
Clothing	19.08
Miscellaneous	5,255.67
Salaries	864.77
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Total	7,450.73

Receipts	9,249.10
Expense	7,450.73
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Balance in Treasury \$1,798.37

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it properly vouched, and correctly cast.

E. P. BOND, *Auditor.*

The following bountiful list of useful articles received at the "Girls' Home," indicates with what solicitude and generous sympathy the community meet our efforts, to actualize the spirit of Christianity, by going into the degraded homes of the vicious, to take by the hand the child bereft of parental care, and supply for it the influences and protection of religious and maternal discipline.

WASSEN & PIERCE, 1 barrel of Syrup.	
DANFORTH, SCUDDER, & Co., 1 bag of Shells, Rice, &c.	
PRATT & WENTWORTH, 1 Coal Stove.	
FOWLE, HIBBARD, & Co., 1 bushel Beans, 1 of Peas.	
G. W. WARE & Co., 1 Table.	
DANIEL ALLAN & Co., 1 box of Butter.	
SWEETSER, SWAN, & BLODGET, lot of Thread.	
FRANKLIN SNOW, 50 pounds Salt Fish.	
From a little girl, Newton C., Cash	\$2.50
Mrs. Dr. HITCHCOCK, July 5	1.00
Harvard Sunday School	1.00
Mrs. Dr. HITCHCOCK, August 20	5.00
Mrs. WM. DRAPER	5.00

Omitted in the last report, \$30.00 from the Baptist Society, and \$50.00 worth of material by Mrs. GEORGE DEXTER, made up by the ladies of the Society, under Mrs. DEXTER's supervision.

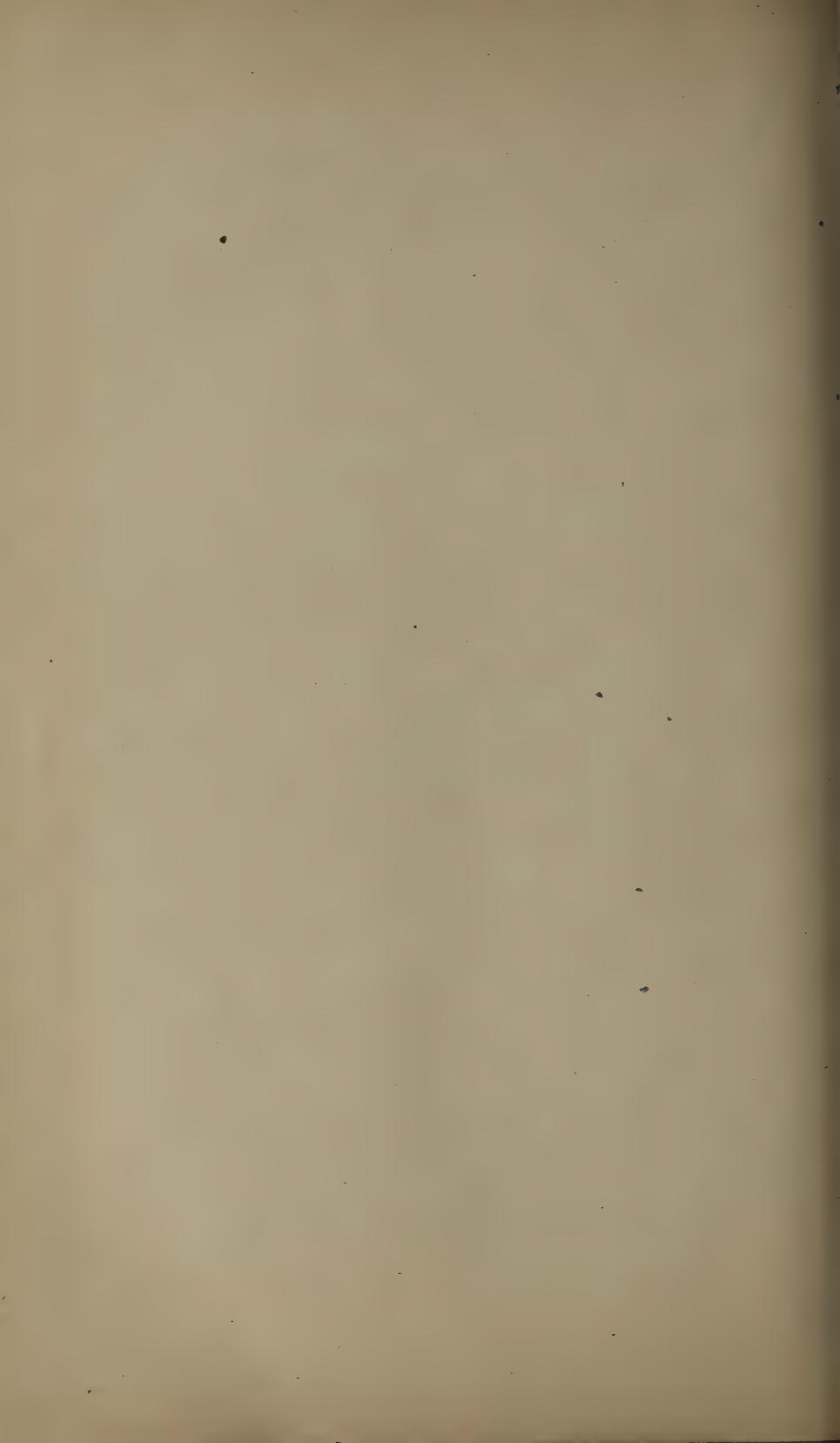
Dr. SLADE, of Chestnut Hill, gave \$20.00 for India Rubber Shoes for the Girls, Christmas, 1867.

DONATIONS IN FOOD AND CLOTHING.

JUNE 14.	Mr. RUFUS COOK, 2 pounds Tea.
" 20.	Miss CROSS, Portland, 1 Globe.
JULY 23.	MOSES SARGENT, 100 White Mountain Sceneries.
JUNE 22.	Auburndale Seminary, 12 new pieces, 4 Aprons.
JULY 3.	Mrs. CLAFLIN, 1 barrel of Potatoes, 12 gallons of Milk.
" 15.	From Pine Farm, half-bushel of Peas.
" 19.	Mrs. DEXTER, Corn, Tomatoes. Half-bushel of Peas.
" 19.	1 peck Peas and Squashes.
" 30.	Received from Harvard So., Brookline, 4 Calico Dresses.
AUG. 12.	From a Friend, Boston, 6 pieces of Tin-ware.
" 14.	Mrs. GEO. DEXTER, Corn, Tomatoes, Squashes.
" 17.	Mrs. DENISON, N. Corner, 1 bundle worn Clothing.
" 17.	Prof. ANDERSON, Newton, Vegetables.
SEPT. 19.	From Mrs. COLE, Newton Corner, 1 bundle Clothing.
" 19.	Pine Farm, 1 bushel Potatoes, Corn, Beans, Tomatoes.
" 19.	Mr. CHAS. HUBBARD, 1 load of Boards for kindling.
" 21.	Mr. CHAS. HUBBARD, Corn and Fruit.
" 21.	Prof. ANDERSON, Vegetables.
" 21.	Mrs. GARDNER COLBY, Peas, Tomatoes, Corn.
" 21.	Mrs. HYDE, Grapes, Pears, Apples, Milk.
" 21.	Mrs. CLAFLIN, bundle Clothing.
" 25.	MARY SMITH, Pittsfield, 1 Quilt.
" 25.	Mrs. CLAFLIN, 8 Watermelons, 1 gallon Milk.
OCT. 22.	Mr. CHAS. HUBBARD, 1 load Wood, 1 barrel Potatoes.

- Mr. WARD & BROS., Newton Centre, 1 peck Turnips, half-bushel Apples, half-bushel Onions, 1 peck Beets, and 4 Squashes.
- OCT. 23. Mrs. S. ——— Brookline, 1 bundle part-worn Clothing.
 „ 24. FULLER, 2 pair Hose.
 „ 28. CLAFLIN, 1 bundle Clothing.
- NOV. 2. C. T. HUBBARD, 1 bundle Clothing.
 „ 3. Miss DUNBAR, Newton Corner, 7 pair Mittens.
 „ 13. Mrs. GARDNER COLBY, Newton Centre, 1 barrel Apples.
 „ 14. „ „ 1 bushel Pears.
 „ 23. Mr. LITTLE, Newton Centre, bundle of Clothing.
 „ 25. ASHTON, „ „ „
 „ 27. CLAFLIN, 2 Turkeys.
 „ 27. Mrs. GARDNER COLBY, 1 Turkey.
 „ Mrs. G. D. GILMAN, Newton Corner, 1 Turkey.
 „ 28. GUNDERSON, Apples, Copeland's Cakes and Candy.
 „ COLE, Pies and Apples.
 „ 29. 1 barrel of Syrup from Boston.
 „ 30. Little friends of Mrs. C. SCUDDER, 1 Dress, 3 Aprons.
- DEC. Miss B. BRAY, 4 woolen Skirts.
 „ 12. Mr. YOUNG, Newton Centre, 1 Sheep.
 „ 25. Mrs. WORCESTER, Newtonville, 1 bundle Clothing.
 „ Miss M. LORD, 1 dozen bound Books.
 „ 25. Mrs. GARDNER COLBY, 1 barrel of Apples.
 „ Dr. SLADE, Chestnut Hill, \$20.00 for Rubber Boots.
 „ 31. Miss SPEAR, Newton Corner, 14 pair Stockings.
 „ Mr. GEO. WARD & BROS., Newton, 1 barrel Apples.
 „ 31. Mrs. MASON, 6 Hats.
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- JAN. 3. Miss SHANNON, Newton, 1 barrel Apples.
 „ 7. Miss LUCY FULLER, Newton Corner, 10 yards of Cotton,
 7 Garments.
 „ 9. N. C. Sewing Circle, Newtonville, 9 new Garments, 1 Apron.
 „ 9. Mrs. S. MORSE, 1 bundle Clothing, Boston.
 „ Mrs. Stearns, Newton Centre, Vegetables.
 „ 28. A friend from Boston, 1 Chamber Stove.
- FEB. 12. Channing Circle, Newton Corner, 12 Under Garments, 6
 Flannel Shirts, 1 Dress, 8 Calico Aprons, 2 Night
 Dresses, 8 yards Calico.
 „ 28. WARD BROS., Box of Apples.
 „ 30. The Channing Circle, Newton Corner, 10 Calico Aprons, 2
 pair Drawers, 1 Flannel Shirt, 10 Chemises, 1 pair Stock-
 ings.
- APR. 15. Mrs. DRAPER, Boston, box Oranges.
 „ 28. Miss HASTINGS, Newtonville, 1 Dress.
 „ 28. Rev. Mr. WORCESTER, Newtonville Society, 3 Night Dresses,
 1 Under Garment.
 „ 28. Miss HORTON, Newtonville, 1 large bundle Clothing.
 „ 29. 1 barrel of Rags by express.
 „ 29. Brookline Circle, 3 Dresses, 4 Aprons.
- MAY 1. Mr. ROBINSON, Newton Corner, 1 barrel Potatoes.
 „ 11. 1 Picture from May-day Festival.
 „ 16. 1 dozen Books, Mr. C. W. L. ———
- MAY 25. Miss CASSWELL, W. Newton, 1 dozen Brushes, 12 Combs, 1
 pair Hose, 1 Apron, 3 Towels, 1 pair Pillow Slips.

JAMES TOLMAN, *Treasurer.*



J. C. Wain

FIFTH REPORT

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For Boys' Home.

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Visiting Committee.

June, Mr. PARKMAN, Mrs. FURBER.
July, Mr. CLARKE, Mrs. HEMENWAY.
Aug., Mr. TILESTON, Mrs. TOLMAN.
Sept., Mr. KINGMAN, Miss JACKSON.
Oct., Mr. LOWELL, Miss LOWELL.
Nov., Mr. & Mrs. C. W. SCUDDER.

Dec., Mr. & Mrs. CLAFLIN.
Jan., Mr. & Mrs. HUBBARD.
Feb., Mr. ELLIS, Mrs. PAINE.
M'ch, Mr. BEMIS, Mrs. BARNARD.
April, Mr. BOND, Mrs. WHITTEMORE.
May, { Mr. & Mrs. BURDETT.
 { Rev. C. F. BARNARD.

General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK 36 WOODBINE ST., HIGHLAND DISTRICT.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.



HOME AT PINE FARM, WEST NEWTON.

THE close of the year 1868-9 at West Newton finds our Home in a very satisfactory condition. We have indeed been compelled to part with Mrs. Cook in the autumn, with Mr. and Mrs. Howe in the spring, and later with our teacher, Miss Bancroft; and we have taken leave of them with great mutual regret and with hearty recognition of their valuable services; but their places are filled by Mr and Mrs. Charles Washburn and their two daughters, a family that seem peculiarly fitted for the work which they have undertaken. Of our former household, only Miss McGowan remains; and her assistance during these changes has been invaluable. The boys were so much cast down at the thought of parting from Mr. Howe, that we made the family as small as possible this spring; sending away to a place every boy who was prepared to go, and not filling up our number till the new heads of the family were established. This reduced us, at Mr. Washburn's coming, to sixteen, many promising applications having been refused; but, since the first of May, we have been filling up at the rate of one a week. During the year, we have sent away twenty-eight boys — fourteen to places in the country, fourteen to their homes. We have received eighteen; of whom two ran away during their first week, and we did not take them in again. We have no longer any difficulty in getting places for boys: indeed, the applications are more than we can answer, partly owing to the good conduct of those who have gone out from us.

EMPLOYMENTS FOR THE BOYS.

We have been more successful in finding employment for the boys during the past winter than before, and the advantage has

appeared in a busy cheerfulness of demeanor. By having steady work during both winter and summer, they get the training and regular habits in which they are at first so deficient. Besides their five hours in school, they have spent each day two additional hours in picking haircloth, and one in the evening in knitting, or carving in wood. The money for the hair was put to their separate accounts; and they purchased each a knife, or what they pleased, with their earnings. They have carved a number of brackets, which were sold for their benefit at the May Festival. Mr. Howe was in the habit of reading to them whilst they were at work; and the hours spent in this way prepared them to enjoy their coasting and out-of-door sports all the more.

Their gardens last year were very gay and pretty, and gave them great pleasure. With Miss McGowan's help, the boys picked, and carefully preserved, more than two hundred bags of flower-seeds, such as are sold in the shops at from five to ten cents a piece; and each boy, besides keeping enough for the next year's planting, made thirty cents by this crop — a small matter in the great market; but such little profits teach them the value of labor.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

We have been very much indebted, as heretofore, to the kindness of our friends in Newton, some of whom the boys meet as teachers in the Sunday school. Their instruction in singing is the much-valued gift of Mr. Wm. Whittemore and his mother, who have been our excellent friends from the beginning.

The parents of our boys often show much gratitude, and would give any little help in their power. One mother brought five dollars, which she insisted on our taking. We do not pretend to provide a moral cure for every child; but we can call to mind several boys, so hard, stubborn, and reckless, that they could not be placed in any families, who have left us softened and subdued, and with good intentions which they never felt before. They have returned to their families, or gone to good country homes. Most of our boys are of American parentage. They are of the sort that run away when placed in institutions, — boys who are familiar with police-officers, and yet, with many promising qualities, only needing good training, great patience, and religious influences to bring them right; and to give this is the special purpose of our school.

HOME FOR GIRLS AT NEWTON CENTRE.

Mrs. Pomeroy gives a very satisfactory account of our Home for Girls at Newton Centre, of which she is the Matron. The Society will not need to be reminded of the calamity which deprived us of our house; but it is pleasant to record the acts of sympathizing neighbors and friends at that time of trial, and to express our gratitude to those who offered our children a shelter, especially to Mr. Colby, who told us that his house would take us all in, as it did, until we secured a dwelling on Pelham Street, and recommenced housekeeping in a small way, preparatory to our establishment in our own Home, bought and remodelled for our use, and entered Nov. 10, 1868. It is on Cypress and Jackson Streets, and contains thirteen rooms. There is also a schoolhouse on the premises. The whole is very attractive. Since June last, four girls have been admitted to the Home and ten have gone out — four into families to assist in the work whilst they go to school, one for adoption by a lady as her own, four to their homes, and one to Lancaster. We have now only fifteen children at this Home, but expect to have, and ought to have, twenty-five before the close of the summer, as we can take in that number. There has been marked improvement in the girls. Miss Beckler has been indefatigable in her labors as their teacher. Whilst under the care and discipline of the Matron, some who came to the Home rude and coarse have become gentle and refined, and not without evidence in one and another of earnest and promising moral and religious life. Their singing witnesses in a very striking way for the change which has come about in their inward life, as well as in their condition and circumstances. The housekeeper, Miss Morgan, in caring for the household, endeavors to train the girls to home duties and service, and is glad to render them all needed aid.

FESTIVALS FOR OUR BENEFIT.

We are greatly indebted to all the Newtons for their genial and constant support of our Homes. On the first day of May, a festival was held by our friends in that large and hospitable

neighborhood, the proceeds of which have enriched our treasury far beyond what we had ventured to hope. The sum of twenty-four hundred dollars was received, and paid over to our treasurer, for which we are sure you will be very thankful. And not Newton alone; but Brookline, also, through the ladies of the Harvard Society, has been forward to help us, and deserves our most grateful acknowledgment for \$1200, cast into our purse when our need was very great. •

We are also much indebted to the ladies of the sewing-circle of Rev. Mr. Hedge's church, Brookline, for liberal gifts of new clothing for both Homes.

MR. COOK'S LABORS.

Our unwearied friend, Mr. R. R. COOK, has done good service to the present generation and to that which is to come, by turning aside boys, who, but for him, would have gone from the Court House to the Jail, and assuming the responsibility and personal care of them during a time of probation. These boys report at his house or office once a fortnight. We hear good accounts of the boys who have been placed by the society in families, and who are regarded as under his watch and ward. He has also aided the city authorities in finding homes for boys who are too old to be taken in at Newton. Mr. Cook regards the custom of allowing the sale of newspapers and the blacking of boots by boys on the Lord's Day as demoralizing to those who are engaged in it.

Miss Burnham, our valued visitor, reports 754 visits to families, and 314 visits to boys in jail during the year; and we know that these visits have been productive of great good. It is greatly to be desired, that those who are at work for the society in its various offices should be present at our monthly meetings, and bring to them their valuable experience in a work which is second to none that is done in our city.

The directors congratulate the society upon the results of the year, and gratefully acknowledge the blessing of a kind Providence upon the labors of our various workers and the contributions of our many friends.

RUFUS ELLIS,

For the Directors.

JUNE 4, 1869.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Boston Children's Aid Society in Account with

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

To balance due Treasurer June 1, 1868	\$1,040.30
Cash paid for Provisions	1,634.96
" " Clothing	398.50
" " Salaries in Boston	\$900.00
At Pine Farm	1,201.42
	<hr/> \$2,101.42
" " Miscellaneous Expenses	815.01
Balance cash on hand June 1, 1869	1,154.81
	<hr/> \$7,145.00
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By Annual Subscriptions to Boys' Home	\$2,030.00
Donations to Boys' Home, and for general purposes of the Society	5,093.00
Income from the Loring fund	22.00
	<hr/> \$7,145.00
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Balance in hands of Treasurer \$1,154.81

"Loring Fund," invested in 11 shares Philadelphia, Wilming-
ton, and Baltimore R. R.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and found it properly
vouched and correctly cast.

JUNE 12.

EDWARD P. BOND, *Auditor.*

Mr. Howe, Superintendent of the Farm, reports the following
as a part of the products of the same:—

Potatoes	220 bushels.
Beets	18 "
Corn on the ear	60 "
Turnips	50 "
Rutabagas	32 "
Onions| . . . . .	8 "
Carrots	62 "
Peas	9 "
Beans	1½ "
Apples	10 barrels.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

SUBSCRIBERS TO BOYS' HOME.

George Atkinson . . .	\$5.00	Miss G. Lowell . . .	\$50.00
E. Atkins . . .	10.00	John A. Lowell . . .	10.00
George M. Barnard . . .	100.00	C. W. Loring, two years . . .	40.00
Seth Bemis . . .	25.00	Theodore Lyman . . .	20.00
George Bemis . . .	25.00	R. C. MacKay . . .	20.00
Mrs. H. Bryant . . .	20.00	G. R. Minot . . .	10.00
J. I. Bowditch . . .	20.00	Mrs. S. T. Morse . . .	25.00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch . . .	50.00	Misses Newman . . .	40.00
Wm. S. Bullard . . .	50.00	Mrs. J. A. Peabody . . .	5.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Brookline . . .	10.00	William C. Peters . . .	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, jr. . .	20.00	Mrs. F. C. Paine . . .	25.00
Miss Sarah Cabot . . .	5.00	James Parker . . .	50.00
W. C. Cabot . . .	15.00	Rev. John Parkman, two years, . . .	45.00
Mrs. E. Codman . . .	10.00	Miss E. S. Quincy . . .	5.00
Henry Callender . . .	10.00	T. D. Quincy . . .	5.00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis . . .	10.00	Rice, Kendall, & Co. . .	5.00
James Freeman Clarke . . .	10.00	John Rogers, two years . . .	20.00
Oliver Ditson . . .	25.00	Benjamin Sewall . . .	50.00
Otis Daniell . . .	10.00	Mrs. R. G. Shaw . . .	20.00
James Davis . . .	10.00	M. S. Scudder . . .	100.00
Wm. Endicott, jr. . .	100.00	Miss M. T. Stevenson . . .	5.00
C. E. Guild . . .	5.00	N. Thayer . . .	100.00
Miss E. Q. Guild . . .	5.00	S. Torrey . . .	10.00
Mrs. B. D. Greene . . .	10.00	Mrs. E. Vose . . .	10.00
R. C. Greenleaf . . .	100.00	Dr. Charles E. Ware . . .	15.00
Mrs. S. Hooper . . .	35.00	Robert Waterston . . .	20.00
Miss Alice L. Hooper . . .	10.00	P. H. Wentworth . . .	25.00
E. W. Hooper . . .	25.00	Miss M. A. Wales . . .	100.00
Mrs. A. Hemenway . . .	100.00	Misses Wigglesworth . . .	50.00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes . . .	10.00	T. Wigglesworth . . .	20.00
Charles T. Hubbard . . .	50.00	R. C. Winthrop . . .	5.00
Edward Jackson . . .	10.00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop . . .	5.00
William E. James . . .	10.00	George D. Welles . . .	5.00
Miss E. Jackson . . .	25.00	Edward Whitney . . .	20.00
Mrs. C. Jackson, jr. . .	10.00	Mrs. W. S. Whitwell . . .	10.00
Mrs. Lydia Jackson . . .	20.00	Miss Young . . .	5.00
H. P. Kidder . . .	50.00	Miss F. Young . . .	5.00
Francis C. Lowell . . .	50.00		
John Lowell . . .	10.00	Total . . .	\$2,030.00

DONATIONS TO BOYS' HOME.

Mrs. S. Appleton . . .	\$5.00	F. C. Lowell . . .	100.00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks . . .	35.00	Miss G. Lowell . . .	20.00
Mrs. Gorham Brooks . . .	20.00	Mrs. G. W. Lyman . . .	50.00
C. C. Burr . . .	50.00	Mrs. Linzee . . .	5.00
Mrs. J. F. Baldwin . . .	5.00	William P. Mason . . .	10.00
W. A. Bowdlear . . .	5.00	Mrs. L. B. Merriam . . .	10.00
Mrs. B. F. Burgess . . .	5.00	Mrs. S. J. Morse . . .	25.00
Mrs. J. E. Cabot . . .	10.00	Edward Motley . . .	5.00
Dr. S. Cabot . . .	50.00	William Munro . . .	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot . . .	40.00	Mrs. R. T. Paine, jr. . .	50.00
Mrs. W. C. Cabot . . .	50.00	Miss Mary Pratt . . .	100.00
James Freeman Clarke . . .	20.00	Charles Parker . . .	5.00
Miss M. G. Chapman . . .	10.00	Mrs. A. T. Perkins . . .	5.00
Mrs. R. M. Cushing . . .	5.00	S. R. Payson . . .	10.00
P. W. Chandler . . .	15.00	Miss Quincy . . .	5.00
Mrs. Dennison, Cambridge, two donations . . .	200.00	T. D. Quincy . . .	5.00
J. W. Danforth . . .	10.00	Dr. L. B. Russell . . .	10.00
Jonathan Ellis . . .	10.00	Reed & Cutler . . .	10.00
George B. Emerson . . .	10.00	Miss Ruthven . . .	5.00
Mrs. N. Francis . . .	100.00	Mrs. Alfred Rodman . . .	5.00
Foster & Taylor . . .	25.00	Mrs. J. H. Reed . . .	5.00
A Friend . . .	500.00	B. T. Reed . . .	10.00
" (through Miss Jackson) . . .	100.00	Turner Sargent . . .	50.00
" . . .	25.00	Henry Saltonstall . . .	100.00
" . . .	5.00	Mrs. S. W. Swett . . .	20.00
" . . .	10.00	Miss M. L. Shaw . . .	300.00
" (through Mrs. Cook) . . .	6.00	Mrs. K. G. Shaw . . .	80.00
" Cambridge . . .	2.00	Estate of Charles Sanders . . .	100.00
John C. Gray . . .	50.00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw . . .	10.00
Mrs. O. Goodwin . . .	20.00	Mrs. H. W. Sargent . . .	5.00
C. F. Gerry . . .	5.00	W. B. Spooner . . .	10.00
George Gardner . . .	10.00	E. S. Tobey . . .	10.00
Mrs. C. T. Hubbard . . .	100.00	S. D. Warren . . .	25.00
Dr. R. W. Hooper . . .	50.00	George S. Winslow . . .	10.00
Miss M. Hooper . . .	200.00	George W. Wales . . .	20.00
Mrs. S. Hooper . . .	25.00	Mrs. S. Wheelwright . . .	5.00
George Howe . . .	25.00	Miss M. A. Wales . . .	100.00
H. H. Hunnewell . . .	25.00	SPECIAL DONATIONS.	
J. R. Hall . . .	10.00	May Day Festival at Newton, \$1,200.00	
Miss E. Howes, Salem . . .	50.00	F. C. Lowell . . .	
Mrs. J. B. S. Jackson . . .	30.00	Mrs. Hemenway . . .	
Mrs. J. B. H. James . . .	50.00	Nath'l Thayer . . .	
Miss Ida E. Loring . . .	25.00	Mass. Charitable Fire Society, 150.00	
Amos A. Lawrence . . .	25.00	Dividend from Loring Fund, 22.00	
Henry Lee . . .	10.00	Total . . .	
		\$5,130	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE GIRL'S HOME.

RECEIPTS.

Balance received from last year		\$1,798.37
Annual Subscriptions		1,093.00
Donations		4,832.61
Donations to Real Estate		1,500.00
Insurance collected on Old Home, burnt June, 1868	\$6,930.00	
Less amount of mortgage deducted	5,000.00	
		<u>\$1,930.00</u>
Land sold, on which Old Home stood		2,911.00
		<u>\$14,064.98</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries		704.58
Provisions		727.96
Miscellaneous		1,520.96
Real Estate — Bartlett Place, costing	7,400.00	
Alterations and additions	2,541.00	9,941.00
		<u>12,896.50</u>
Balance on hand June 1, 1869		\$1,168.48

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing account, and find the same duly vouched and correctly cast.

JUNE 12, 1869.

EDWARD P. BOND, Auditor.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS TO GIRLS' HOME.

H. S. BURDETT, Brookline	\$50.00
N. G. CHAPIN	10.00
MRS. A. W. BEARD	25.00
MRS. DAVID BUCK	5.00
CHARLIE L. CROWELL, Brookline	5.00
C. H. DUDLEY	10.00
AUGUSTUS DEPEYSTER, Brookline	25.00
JOHN H. DANE	5.00
E. E. FLOYD	25.00
MISS L. FLOYD	5.00
MISS E. A. FOSTER	25.00
MRS. M. L. HALL	5.00
MRS. W. F. HALL	5.00
MRS. FRANK HOVEN, Brookline	5.00
E. W. HOOPER, Brookline	25.00
MISS A. J. HOLMES	3.00
C. T. HUBBARD	50.00

MRS. THOMAS HOWE, Brookline	10.00
MISS E. JACKSON	5.00
F. C. LOWELL	100.00
GEORGE W. MERRITT, Brookline	25.00
HENRY MASON, Brookline	25.00
MISSSES NEWMAN	20.00
MRS. J. P. PUTNAM	5.00
J. P. PALMER, Brookline	10.00
R. L. SAVILLE, Brookline	15.00
C. W. SCUDDER, Brookline	100.00
BENJAMIN SEWALL	50.00
N. THAYER, for two years	200.00
JAMES TOLMAN, for two years	200.00
MISS M. TOLMAN	5.00
MRS. E. S. THOMAS, Brookline	10.00
MRS. A. S. YOUNG	5.00
MRS. C. V. WHITTEN	10.00
MRS. W. WILSON	10.00
MRS. WELLS	5.00
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	\$1,093.00

LIST OF DONATIONS TO GIRLS' HOME.

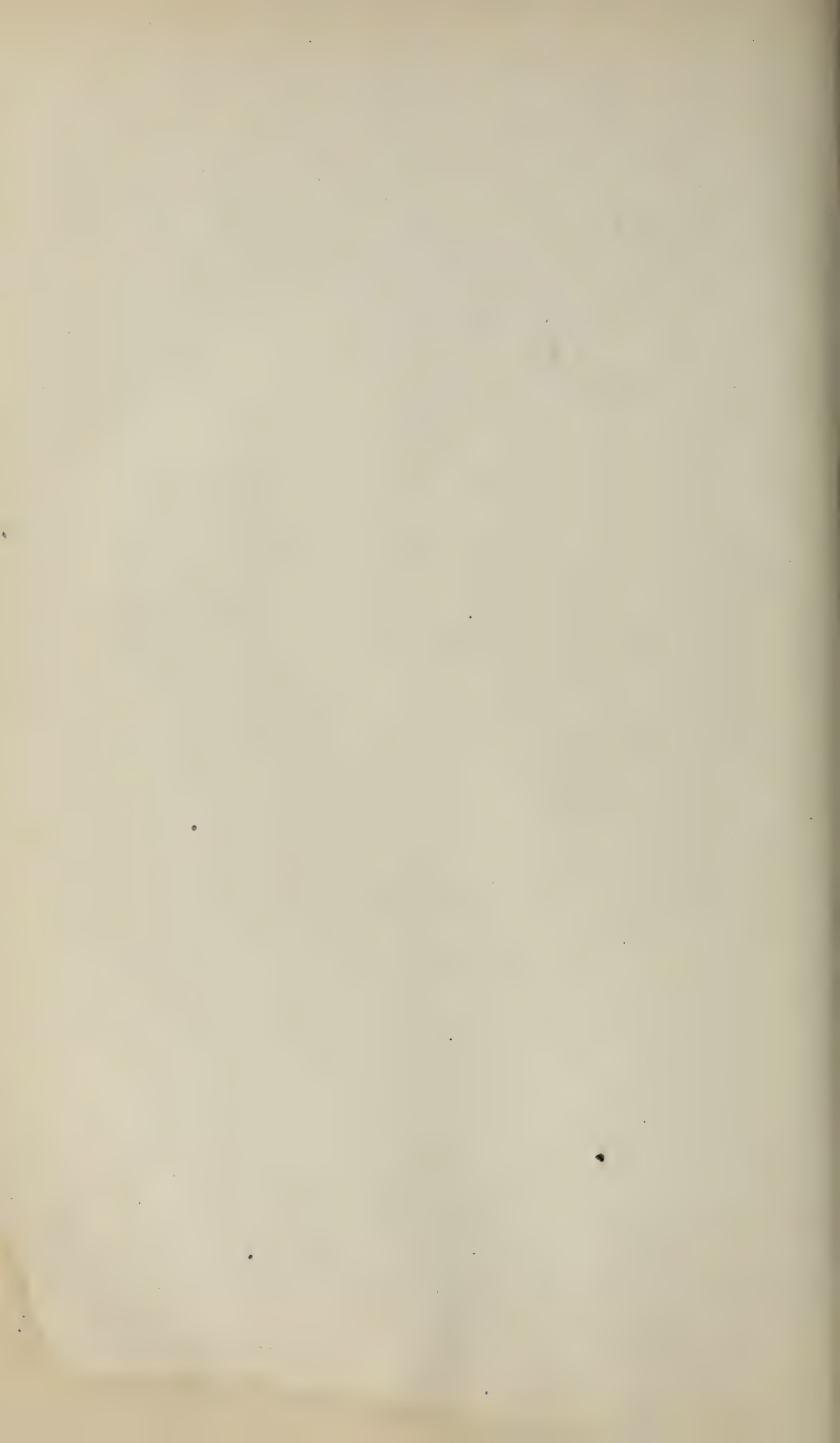
William I. Bowditch . . .	\$10.00	Brookline S. School . . .	80.00
C. C. Burr . . .	200.00	Committee of Lectures, New-	
Mrs. S. Cabot, jr. . . .	20.00	ton Centre	100.00
Mrs. W. C. Cabot	50.00	Ladies of Newton Corner . .	4.55
Mrs. R. Craft	5.00	Fair at Brookline, — Harvard	
Mrs. Dennison	5.00	Church S. School	1,060.30
Mrs. William Draper . . .	50.00	Children's Fair at Longwood,	202.50
A Friend	75.00	Mass. Charitable Fire Society,	150.05
"	50.00	Grantville S. School . . .	22.19
"	10.00	Baptist S. School, Newton	
Miss Horton	10.00	Corner	50.00
Mrs. Samuel Hubbard . . .	50.00	Concert at Newton	73.75
Mrs. A. Hemenway	150.00	Fair at Newton Centre,	
F. C. Lowell	100.00	through Mrs. Wm. Clafin,	420.00
J. McGregor	10.00	Review Club, Newton . . .	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Morse	50.00	"Helpers" at West Newton,	12.60
Israel Nash	10.00	C. S. Davis, 1 month's rent,	46.67
Mrs. G. H. Quincy	10.00	Estate of Charles Sanders . .	100.00
Miss H. N. Reading	3.00	May Day Festival at Newton	
N. Thayer	150.00	Corner	1,200.00
Mrs. Charles Scudder . . .	10.00		
Mrs. Mary Ward	3.00		\$4,832.61
George W. A. Williams,		DONATIONS FOR REAL ESTATE FUND.	
Brookline	100.00	Miss M. Hooper	\$200.00
D. M. Weston	5.00	Miss E. S. Hooper	50.00
B. C. White	20.00	Dr. R. W. Hooper	100.00
Congregational S. School,		Edward W. Hooper	50.00
Newton Corner	50.00	H. F. Durant	600.00
Great Barrington S. School,		Hon. William Clafin . . .	500.00
through Rev. E. Scudder,	79.00		

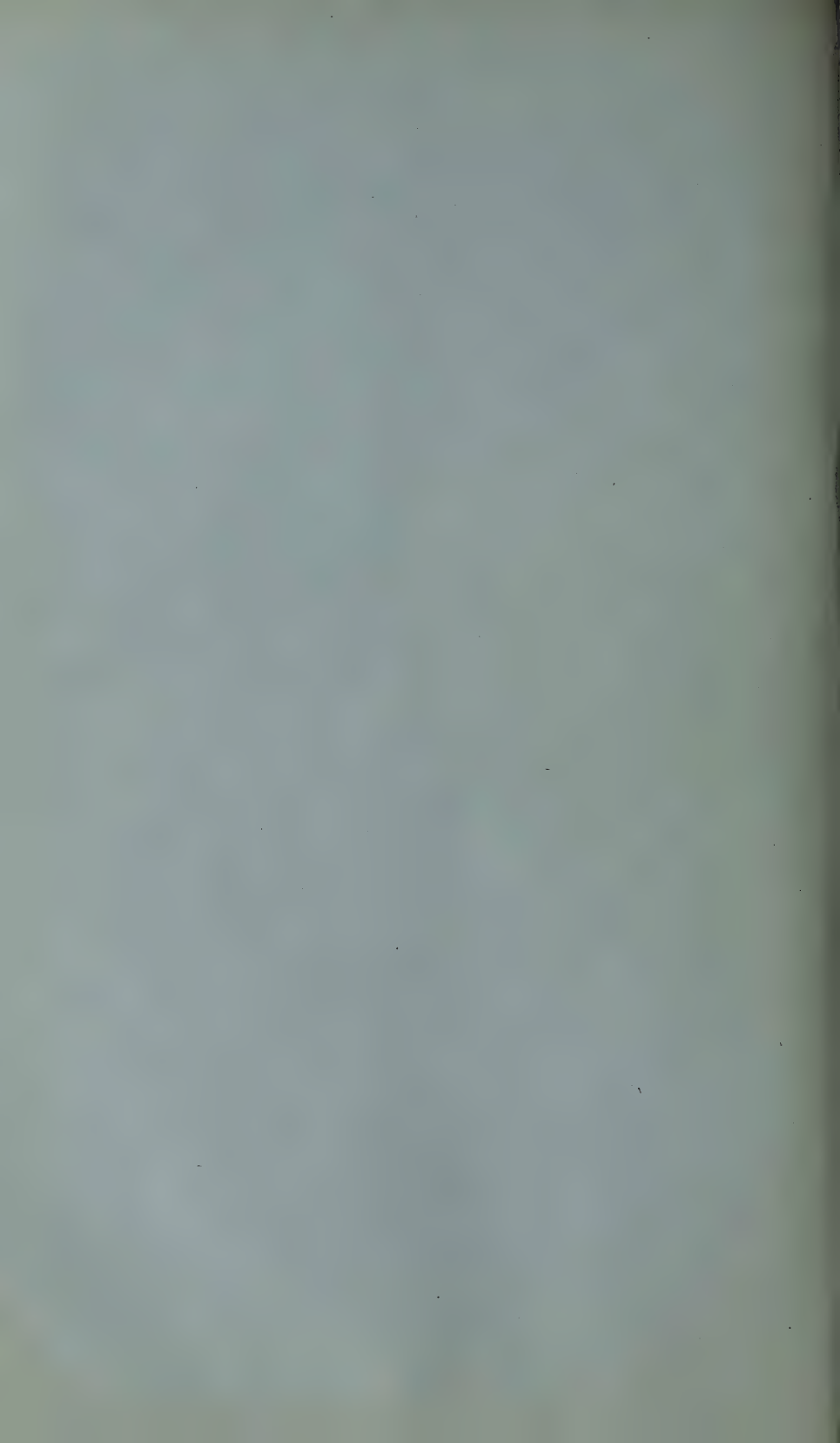
DONATIONS TO GIRLS' HOME.

- Mrs. ASHTON, Newton, Clothing and Books.
 BALDWIN, BOTUME, & Co., barrel of Pork.
 Brookline Sewing-Circle, 18 Aprons.
 Mrs. BARTLETT, Toys.
 Mrs. BALDWIN, 7 yards Gingham.
 Mrs. GEORGE BACON, 1 bundle Clothing.
 Mrs. BRADBURY, 73 new Garments, made by Baptist Society.
 W. E. BRIGHT & Co., 20 yards Straw Matting.
 H. S. BOWDITCH, 1 Carpet, Fanner, 2 barrels Apples, Corn-starch, &c.
 Mrs. CHADWICK, Butter, Raisins, and Sugar.
 Mrs. CONVERSE, Newton Corner, 1 box Clothing.
 Mrs. G. COLBY, Newton Centre, 5 Flannel Shirts.
 Mrs. CARTER, Newtonville, Clothing.
 Mrs. COUSINS, Newton Centre, 1 piece Sheeting.
 Channing Circle, Newton Corner, 1 Quilt, 1 dozen Aprons.
 Mrs. CLARK, Newton Centre, 1 barrel Apples.
 Mrs. CLAFLIN, 50 Books, 6 Watermelons, Clothing, Shoes, &c., 21 prs. Hose,
 1 Dress, 2 Coats.
 Mrs. CRANE, Clothing.
 DEACON CHARLES DAVIS, Newton, Apples.
 Mrs. DENNISON, Newton Corner, Clothing.
 Mrs. DALE, 21 Aprons.
 Mrs. H. DUTTON, Newton Centre, 1 pair Boots.
 DANFORTH, SCUDDER, & Co., 1 barrel Rice.
 Mrs. J. W. EDMANDS, 1 piece Sheeting.
 Mrs. ELLIS, 1 Cloak, Pears and Apples.
 Mrs. D. R. EMERSON, Clothing, with Hats.
 A FRIEND, 4 pairs Hose.
 Mrs. FOWLE, Newton, 2 firkins Soft Soap, 6 Flannel Skirts.
 Miss FULLER, Newton Corner, 10 pairs Mittens.
 Mrs. FOY, Newton, Vegetables.
 HENRY G. FAY, 1 barrel Beef.
 Mrs. GUNDERSON, Newton Centre, half-barrel Apples.
 Mrs. G. D. GILMAN, Newton Corner, Clothing.
 Mrs. HASTINGS, Newtonville, Clothing.
 Mrs. HOLMES, Newton Corner, 27 pairs Mittens.
 Mrs. J. L. HERSEY, Newton Corner, 4 Dresses, 1 Cloak.
 Miss HORTON, Newtonville, 12 yards Delaine.
 Mrs. HENBUCH, 6 Garments, 4 Skirts.
 Mrs. HUTCHINS, Newton Centre, 1 pair Blankets.
 Miss HYDE, 4 new Calico Dresses, &c., Clothing.
 Mrs. HYDE, 1 bushel Pears.
 Mrs. HOLBROOK, Corn, 6 pairs Mittens.

- Mrs. C. T. HUBBARD, Clothing twice.
 Mrs. HOWARD, Watertown, Clothing.
 Mr. S. M. JACKSON, Newton Centre, 1 barrel Apples.
 Mrs. JAMES, Newton, Apples, 2 Skirts, 2 Dresses.
 HALEY, MORSE, & BOYDEN, 1 Bedstead and Bedding.
 Mrs. KETTELL, Newton Centre, 2 Chairs, Tub, Clothing, Books.
 Mrs. KEITH, Newtonville, Clothing.
 Mr. KINGMAN, Books, &c.
 Mrs. LIBBY, Newton, 1 barrel Apples, and Clothing several times.
 Miss LITTLE, Newton Centre, Boots and Hose.
 Mrs. LINCOLN, Brookline, 2 Books.
 Mrs. LOW, Newtonville, Clothing.
 Mr. LORD, 1 barrel Flour.
 Mrs. H. LORING, 21 pairs Hose.
 Ladies of Newton Corner, 34 yards Sheetting.
 Ladies of Newtonville, 25 new Garments.
 WILLIAM LINCOLN & Co., 1 can Kerosene Oil.
 Ladies of West Newton, 15 new Calico Dresses.
 Mrs. B. F. MORSE, Boston, 23 pieces new Clothing.
 Mrs. MORTON, Newton Centre, 1 barrel Apples, Potatoes, &c.
 Mrs. NICKERSON, 3 Overcoats.
 Mrs. PULSIFER, Sacks and Clothing.
 Mrs. CHARLES PEARCE, Clothing.
 Mr. N. PEABODY, Newton Corner, 6 Wooden Pails.
 PARSONS & HIGGINS, 1 Ham, 1 firkin Lard.
 JOHN H. PRAY & Co., 25 yards Straw Matting.
 Mrs. PARKER, Boston, 1 piece Gingham, with Garments, &c., 50 yards
 Cloth, &c.
 Mrs. POTTER, Newton Corner, 36 yards Calico.
 Mrs. RICE, 1 Quilt.
 Mrs. C. RICHARDSON, Newton, Corn, Tomatoes, Shoes.
 Prof. RIPLEY, Newton, Tomatoes and Apples.
 Miss RIPLEY, Newton, 1 Shawl, 1 Sack.
 Pine Farm, West Newton, Vegetables, Potatoes, &c.
 Mr. SALTONSTALL, Chestnut Hill, 1 barrel Apples.
 Miss STEVENSON, Boston, 4 pairs Sheets and Pillows.
 Mrs. SWEETSER, Newton Corner, 1 Cloak.
 Mrs. STONE, Newton, 1 load Wood.
 Mrs. C. W. SCUDDER, Brookline, 1 chest Tea.
 Mrs. SCALES, 2 dozen Hats.
 Mr. SHANNON, Newton, Apples.
 Miss SPEAR, Newton Corner, 12 pairs Hose.
 Mrs. SCHOFF, Newtonville, Clothing.
 Unitarian Sewing Circle, West Newton, 25 Garments.
 May-Day Festival at Newton, 3 pieces Cloth.
 Mrs. TRUE, Newton Lower Falls, Clothing.
 Mrs. PROF. TRAIN, Clothing.
 Mrs. TROWBRIDGE, Boston, 1 peck Apples.

Mrs. TARBOX, Newton Centre, 1 Cloak, 1 Hood.
Mrs. VALENTINE, Newton Corner, Clothing.
WASSEN, PIERCE, & Co., 1 barrel Molasses.
Mrs. WALWORTH, Clothing and Fruit.
Mr. G. WARD, 1 barrel Apples, Vegetables, &c.
Rev. Mr. WARREN, Newton, 1 Cloak.
Mrs. WASHBURN, 12 yards Flannel, Clothing.
Mrs. WEBSTER, Newton, Clothing.
Mrs. WHITNEY, Watertown, Apples.
Master WILLIE WILKINSON, 18 Books.
Mrs. C. E. WARE, Boston, 14 new Garments.
Mrs. WORCESTER, Newtonville, Clothing.
Miss WHITE, Newton Centre, 3 Woolen Sacks.
Mrs. WILKINSON, Tomatoes, 1 barrel Sundries, Chairs and Pail, 1 Straw
Bed.





F. C. Pine

SIXTH REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,

FROM

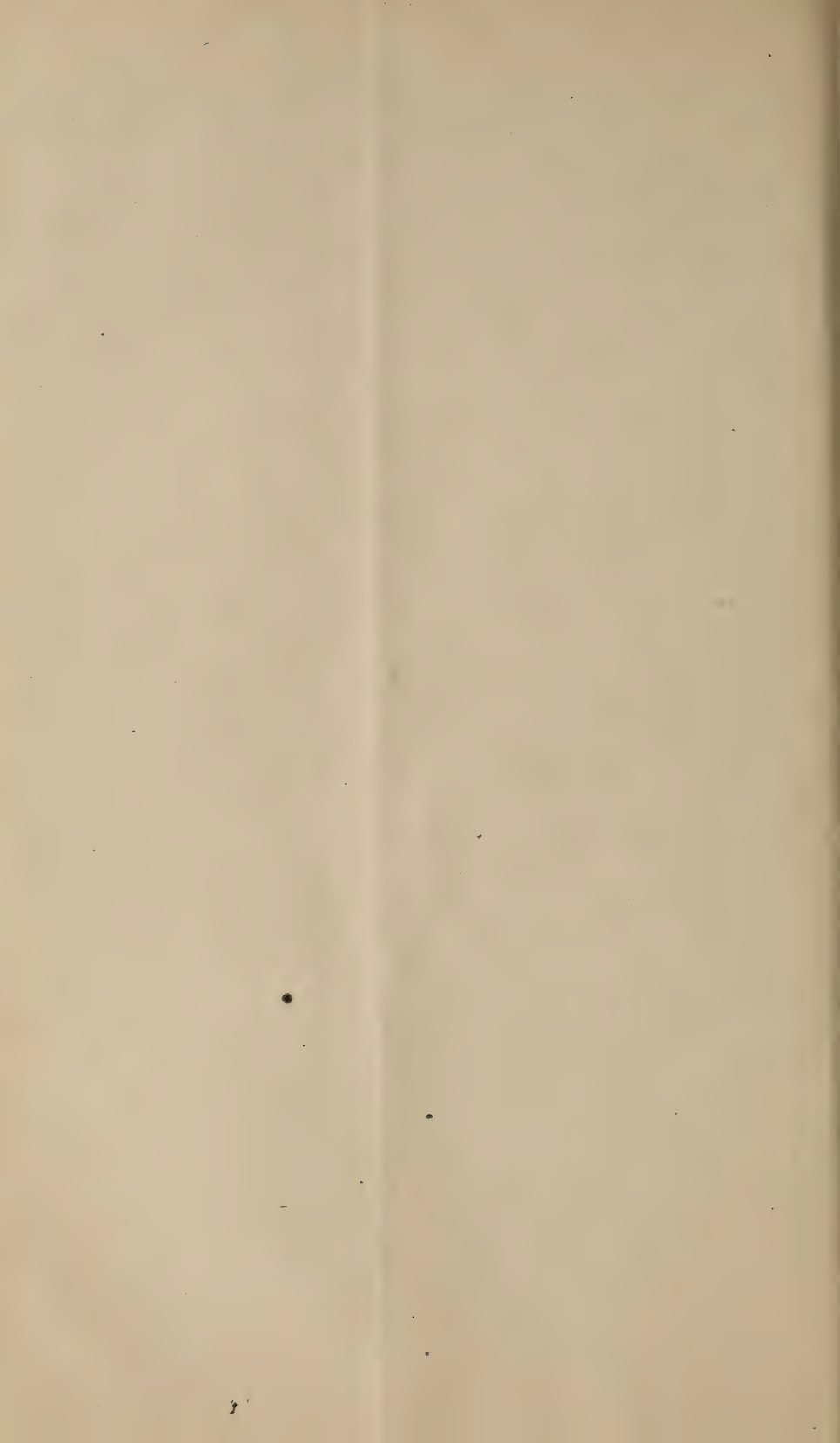
June, 1869, to June, 1870.



BOSTON:

PRESS OF RAND, AVERY, & FRYE, 3 CORNHILL.

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OFFICERS.

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MISS RUSSEL.

Executive Committee.

For Boys' Home.

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MRS. CLAFLIN.
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MRS. BURDETT.

Committee on Admissions, Discharges, and Subsequent Supervision.

For Boys' Home.

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Visiting Committee.

June, Mr. PARKMAN, Mrs. FURBER.
July, Mr. CLARKE, Mrs. HEMENWAY.
Aug., Mr. TILESTON, Mrs. TOLMAN.
Sept., Mr. KINGMAN, Miss JACKSON.
Oct., Mr. LOWELL, Miss LOWELL.
Nov., Mr. & Mrs. C. W. SCUDDER.

Dec., Mr. & Mrs. CLAFLIN.
Jan., Mr. & Mrs. HUBBARD.
Feb., Mr. ELLIS, Mrs. PAINE.
Mch., Mr. HOOPER, Mrs. BARNARD.
April, Mr. BOND, Mrs. WHITTEMORE.
May, Mr. & Mrs. BURDETT.

General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK . . . 36 WOODBINE ST., HIGHLAND DISTRICT.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

IN presenting this, our sixth annual report, to the friends who have so liberally aided in the work of reform in which we are engaged, we desire, first of all, to acknowledge the kind hand of our heavenly Father, who has so signally smiled upon our efforts to rescue his little ones: especially, that we have been so wonderfully exempted from sickness, in both our Homes; and that, since the commencement of our work, not a death has occurred, and but one case of serious illness.

Let us take a hasty glance at the different departments of labor in which our Society is now engaged.

HOME FOR BOYS AT PINE FARM, WEST NEWTON.

At the commencement of the year, we passed through what we feared might prove a trial,—a complete change of all the heads of the family: our matron, Miss Stone, now Mrs. Cook; our teacher, Miss Bancroft; our farmer and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Howe, and, soon after, our assistant housekeeper, Miss McGowan, all left us. In anticipation of this, we had reduced our family of boys to sixteen; but our fears were not realized.

While we look back with satisfaction and pleasure upon the labors of those who have left us, we feel that we have made no loss by the change; and, in one respect, have made a positive gain. All our monthly visitors, in their reports to the Society, invariably speak of the strong family influence that pervades the Home. This is due, perhaps, to the fact that the heads of the house, with one exception, came to us as a *family*. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washburn, farmer and matron; Miss

Maria Washburn, teacher: Miss Mary Washburn, assistant, and Miss Roberts, housekeeper. The whole atmosphere of the house is pervaded with mutual affection and sympathy, such as is only found in a Christian home. In this respect, the result of our work is far ahead of our original hopes when we organized; and here we take occasion to correct a common but erroneous impression upon the minds of many, even of our friends, as to the nature of our work. Ours is not an orphan asylum, nor is it a home for simply destitute children: for both of these classes most excellent institutions exist. But our work is strictly *reformatory*: our children are those, who for the want of parents possibly, but more often in spite of them, are either criminally inclined, or have actually entered the broad avenue of crime. At this critical juncture, our Society steps in, holds out its hand to rescue them, adopts them at once into a family where, without physical restraint of any kind, they are gently led into the path of virtue, and the pleasant paths of goodness, honesty, and truth, are made attractive to them. It is one of the peculiarities of our work, that our interest in the children does not cease when they leave our Homes: we keep up correspondence with them, and are able to give, at any time, an account of their fate and fortune; and so thoroughness is constantly aimed at. This necessitates our keeping the children longer than we at first anticipated; but we have the satisfaction of knowing that what we have done is *well done*. We continue to hear excellent accounts from those we have placed in homes. Almost without exception they have done well. Our matron, Mrs. Washburn, reports as follows:—

MRS. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

There are now thirty boys at the Home. Thirty-one have been received since May 5, 1869; three during the month of May. Eighteen of these are of foreign parentage, thirteen of American; four of these have returned to the Home from places; seven have gone home to their parents; ten have gone to permanent places in the country. Twelve of the pres-

ent inmates have been given up to the Society, to dispose of till the age of sixteen or seventeen years.

But one has ran away with the determination to get away, and that twice within a fortnight; was not returned, as he was considered totally deficient in moral capability. One other, being intrusted with money, was overcome by a sudden temptation to visit the theatre, but is now an excellent boy with us.

No boys have been removed because their influence was bad, or because we had found, on trial, that we could not benefit them, although in two cases we became almost discouraged; when a praying mother of each of the boys came to see them, causing us to feel that we must labor and bear with them for their mothers' sake, as well as the boys'; and we have, in their improvement, cause to be thankful that we were so influenced.

One of them, a little impetuous fellow, being sent to bed one night lately earlier than the other boys, was heard talking to himself. "Well! teacher wouldn't like me to do this if she knew it. I won't do it, to please teacher." He loves his teacher so much, that he will kiss her picture, and say, "*My teacher!*"

We find the work to be very encouraging and interesting. The boys come to us all unfortunate in their surroundings. They each and all receive our ready sympathy and willing aid in laying the foundation for a new life and a good character; and it is really wonderful to see how readily they are inspired with a desire to be considered reliable and trustworthy. It is, too, a source of satisfaction and pleasure to see the change in their countenances after being here a while: in place of the restless, averted eyes of distrust and deceit, to meet the steady gaze of clear and honest eyes, bespeaking a soul within, released from the bondage of concealment, and raised to a higher and happier life.

And they are happy when they experience this freedom, though they do not understand it, but will come to us saying, "I am so happy," "I feel so happy," &c., — so happy that they must have sympathy.

We have not a boy here now who wishes to return to the city. Many interesting facts might be stated.

We have been very sorry to part with three boys, taken by their mothers,—two of them on false pretences. One had been here only three weeks, when his mother came, expecting to take him home, but was taken by surprise to find him contented and happy. She said he had not been a bad boy; but had broken away from her control, got into bad company, and was playing truant, going out in the morning and not returning till ten and eleven o'clock at night, creeping up stairs even then without her knowledge. She only put him out here to *frighten* him, and thought the three weeks must have done it *pretty effectually*. He did not wish to go, and told his mother not to come again for a month. We succeeded in keeping him just seven weeks. He was an excellent boy with us, and he went reluctantly, his mother coming with the pretence of moving to New Hampshire, which, we have been informed, has never been done. Another mother came and took her boy, saying that they were about moving to Maine, which has never been done. One, who had been brought up delicately, cried as though his heart would break because he must go. We have two boys who have become delighted with country life; realizing, too, that they are not strong enough to resist city temptations, have again and again, during the past year, made up their minds that they never wish to go back, but preferred going to a place in the country, have as often been made to change their minds as their mothers came to see them: but now they are firm in their refusal to engage in any employment in the city.

GIRLS' HOME AT NEWTON CENTRE.

This Home is about two miles distant from Pine Farm. It is charmingly situated, and has such an air of quiet and rural simplicity that every one is delighted with it; and the visitor, on entering the house, is impressed with the fact that it is in the hands of skilful and loving workers. In many respects it

is quite a contrast to "Pine Farm," but only as a family of thirty boys may be supposed to differ from one of the same number of girls.

Mrs. Pomroy, the matron, reports as follows : —

MRS. POMROY'S REPORT.

During the past year, we have added to the "Girls' Home" sixteen children, their ages numbering all the way from six to twelve years.

Eight girls have left the Home, — three sisters, who were here for two years. These three were taken by parents to wretched homes for the want of legal control on our part, and two ran away.

At the present time, there are twenty-five children; and, out of that number, only a few that can assist in the house-work, sewing, &c.; and, having sixteen to clothe, we have been obliged to hire some sewing.

Those that left us were strong, healthy girls, understood house-work, with sewing; and we hope they will prove to others that they are helpful and efficient in those branches in which they have been taught — cooking, washing, ironing, &c. — by the housekeeper.

Under the care of the teacher, by her unwearied exertions, the children have improved not only in their studies and sewing, but also in their singing, which affords us much pleasure.

A great improvement has been noticed in their deportment, as they are more industrious, truthful, and honest; and we feel that some of them are learning to love the Saviour, as we notice daily.

We have been wonderfully supplied by donations; and, on festival days, our kind friends and neighbors have not forgotten us. Last Fourth of July, the girls had a pic-nic in the woods, for good behavior; and a pleasant sight it was to see them all enjoying themselves in such a retired place, away from their former haunts of vice, and singing sweet songs that were exchanged for those picked up in the lanes in Boston.

In August, the children made their annual visit to Mrs. Claffin's house; and, after ranging the grounds, swinging, &c., with good appetites they did justice to the refreshments that were so bountifully supplied.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were obtained by money raised by liberality of passengers in the Newton Centre cars.

When Christmas came, a tree, in the school-house, was furnished with articles for use; and the children were surprised to see Santa Claus come in with jingling bells, with toys and dolls, and all that tells of "Merry Christmas."

We have been in the new Home a year and a half; and, as we have no man or boy to call upon, we have found our neighbor (Mr. S. M. Jackson) a friend at all times, ever ready to help us with a word of kindness when our spirits flag.

We have never received from our kind friends so much clothing, fruits, and vegetables as during the past year; and we feel encouraged to work with all our might, feeling that our heavenly Father still cares and watches over us; and as he feeds the ravens, so will he feed these outcast children.

As the girls leave the "Home," our hearts are full of sympathy and prayer, that God will keep them from temptation; and may the seed that has been sown (although in weakness) spring up, and bear fruit to his honor and glory!

RUFUS R. COOK, GENERAL AGENT.

"Father Cook" is still indefatigable in his labors in our behalf. His watchful eye is ever on the alert to secure for us the proper subjects for our Home; and his hearty co-operation and sympathy for the children, not only while with us, but after they have left us, is very valuable. For two months, last winter, he was confined with serious illness, which at one time made us fear for the result; but his heavenly Father, in whom he loves to trust, was better to him than our fears. Mr. Cook reports:—

MR. COOK'S REPORT.

"I have visited Pine Farm twice a week on an average during the year, excepting the two months that I was sick. Also the Jail once a day, with the same exception.

"I have bailed, during the year, about four hundred and fifty persons of all ages, from sixty down to little children. One hundred and sixty-four of them within the last three months. I feel an increasing interest in this part of my work. I judge that eighty-seven per cent of these persons, put upon probation, have done and are doing well.

"Seven little boys from ten to thirteen years of age, from the sixteenth district, were lately before the court, charged with some light offence. While they were on probation, I visited them, found them on their way to school, which they had attended regularly. They gathered round me in a group, and listened attentively to kind words of counsel, warning, and encouragement; and as I dismissed them, each with an orange, and received their pledge of uprightness in the future, they felt that I had been their friend and helper.

"The father of one of them has since called on me with assurances of grateful respect for my interest in his boy. As a proof that the principle of honor is keenly alive in this class of boys, I would relate a little incident. At the farm, last summer, there stood a peach-tree, with large, luscious peaches upon it. The boys were told that no one was to touch them; that, after they were ripe, they would have them to eat. This tree, with the fruit in easy reach of the little fellows, they were obliged to pass and re-pass constantly every day. Not a peach was taken, however. Every boy felt that his honor was at stake; and they ripened upon the tree. This lesson alone was of great value to them."

LABOR AT THE JAIL.

Our society supports a female missionary, Miss Burnham, to visit constantly at the Jail, in connection with Mr. Cook, looking up the children confined there, supplying books, tracts, &c.,

communicating with the families of the children, doing all she can to get them work when they get out, and preventing as far as possible their relapsing into crime. Miss Burnham has made two hundred and sixty-nine visits to the Jail, and six hundred and sixty to the families during the past year. A vast deal of missionary work done for unfortunate children by the ladies connected with our organization cannot be reported. Our former matron, Mrs. Cook, has not ceased to aid us by her presence and counsel at the Home, though her official relations ceased a year ago. We desire to thank all the kind friends who have aided us in so many ways during the year. To Dr. Whitney of Newton, our thanks are expressly due, for his gratuitous services at the Home. In the Treasurer's report will be found acknowledgments of the gifts and donations of our friends. And now a word as to our

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our friends, especially to our Newton friends, who have contributed so generously by their May-day festival, we have been enabled to meet all demands upon us without incurring any debt; but we have had no unusual expenses the past year. We find, now, that we need a suitable room at Pine Farm for the gathering of the family when out of school. Our house is a very old-fashioned one; and we like it on that account. But the ceilings are very low; and we find, that when thirty-five persons are gathered in one room, not eight feet high, and small in proportion, without means of ventilation, it is, to say the least, exceedingly uncomfortable: besides this, the need of another sleeping apartment seems to be imperative. By the expenditure of one thousand dollars, we can add greatly to the health and comfort of our household. Then we are in imperative need of a suitable wash-room at the Girls' Home, which answered while our family was small, but, now it is increased, we are greatly straitened for room. For these repairs and alterations, we shall require \$1,500. May we not hope that our kind friends who love this work will furnish us the required sum, and consider this statement as a direct appeal to them for aid!

LORING FUND.

It is known that our late lamented President, and one of the original founders of this society, the Hon. Charles G. Loring, left us in his will a sum of money as a permanent fund, the income of which is to be used in sustaining the work of the society. We are glad to be able to report, that, during the past year, this fund has been increased by the sum of five thousand dollars, from trustees of the estate of the late Abigail Loring. We trust the time is not far distant when the wish of the founder of this fund will be fully realized, and the support of the employees of the Home permanently provided for.

FARMER'S REPORT.

It will be seen, by Mr. Washburn's report, that our Farm is becoming yearly more and more productive. Besides supplying all the wants of the Pine-Farm family in the matter of vegetables, butter, milk, &c., and a portion of those of the Girls' Home, we have sold from the Farm over \$250.00. By a slight additional outlay in procuring manure, we have no doubt we can produce every thing needed for our table, except, perhaps, animal food, and sell enough of our surplus to procure that. Mr. Washburn is quite sanguine upon this point, and the boys enter into his plans with a great deal of zest. There is only one painful feature connected with our work; and that is, after all we have done, how much remains to be done! Of the two thousand children annually brought before the courts for petty crime, how few can we hope to reach and *save!* and yet the indirect influence we are enabled to exert upon them, and the families to which they belong, is more and greater than can be computed by mere figures. We have reason as a society, in view of the past year, to thank God, and take courage for our work in the future.

M. S. SCUDDER,

For the Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Boston Children's Aid Society in Account with
EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance June 1, 1869, Boys' Home	\$1,154.81
Annual Subscriptions to Boys' Home	2,130.00
Donations to Boys' Home	1,272.50
Income from Loring Funds	55.45
Interest earned	23.36
Farm Produce sold at Pine Farm	251.29
Amount received for Boys' Labor in Picking Hair	73.35
	\$4,960.76

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries in Boston	\$900.00
Expense of Printing Report, &c., &c.	60.00
<i>Expenses at Boys' Home.</i>	
Salaries	940.00
Provisions	1,462.49
Clothing	177.20
Miscellaneous	1,094.64
Balance to credit of Boys' Home	326.43
	\$4,960.76

Loring Fund, invested in 11 shares of the Philadelphia, Wilming-
ton, and Baltimore R. R.

Abigail Loring Fund, invested in 100 shares of the same.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account and found it properly
vouched and correctly cast.

EDWARD P. BOND, *Auditor.*

FARMER'S REPORT.

The Crops raised on Pine Farm for the year 1869 were as follows:—

Hay	about 8 tons.
Corn Fodder	" 2 "
Oat Fodder	" 3 "
Sweet Corn, on the ear	45 bushels.
Shell and String Beans	12 "
Dry Beans	2 "
Potatoes	180 "
Onions	7½ "
Beets	11 "
Mangel-Wurzel	60 "
Carrots	56 "
Ruta-Baga	120 "
Flat Turnips	52 "
Cabbages	600 heads.
Apples	11 barrels.

Squashes	8 barrels.
Tomatoes	20 bushels.
Peas	12 "

Also butchered 604 pounds Pork.

Made in the year 235 pounds Butter.

Produce sold off the Farm : —

Eggs	\$51.58
Poultry	13.52
Pork	27.36
Blackberries	7.00
Potatoes	10.00
Cabbages	10.50
Onions	5.00
Apples	4.00
Hay	85.60
Hair Cloth, Boys' Labor on	73.35

\$290.91

SUBSCRIBERS TO BOYS' HOME.

F. Amory, two years	\$50.00	John Lowell	\$10.00
George Atkinson	10.00	John A. Lowell	10.00
George M. Barnard	100.00	Miss G. Lowell	50.00
George Bemis	25.00	C. W. Loring	20.00
Seth Bemis	25.00	Mrs. C. G. Loring	50.00
Miss L. H. Bradlee	10.00	Theodore Lyman	20.00
Martin Brimmer	25.00	R. C. Mackay	20.00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20.00	G. R. Minot	10.00
J. I. Bowditch	20.00	Mrs. S. T. Morse	25.00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50.00	Misses Newman	40.00
Wm. S. Bullard	50.00	Wm. C. Peters	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Brookline	10.00	Mrs. F. C. Paine	25.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, jun.	20.00	John Parkman	20.00
Miss Sarah Cabot	5.00	Miss E. S. Quincy	5.00
W. C. Cabot	15.00	T. D. Quincy	5.00
Mrs. E. Codman	10.00	John Rogers	10.00
Henry Callender	10.00	Benjamin Sewall	50.00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10.00	Mrs. R. G. Shaw	20.00
James Freeman Clarke	10.00	Henry Saltonstall	100.00
Oliver Ditson	25.00	M. S. Scudder	100.00
James Davis	10.00	Mrs. R. T. Paine, jun.	50.00
Miss Dennison	100.00	Miss M. T. Stevenson	5.00
Wm. Endicott, jun.	100.00	Mrs. J. Tolman	25.00
George A. Goddard	25.00	N. Thayer	100.00
Miss E. Q. Guild	5.00	S. Torrey	10.00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10.00	Mrs. E. Vose	10.00
R. C. Greenleaf	100.00	Mrs. S. D. Wells	5.00
E. W. Hooper	25.00	Dr. C. E. Ware	15.00
Mrs. A. Hemenway	100.00	Misses Wigglesworth	50.00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10.00	T. Wigglesworth	20.00
Chas. T. Hubbard	50.00	R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Miss E. A. Foster	25.00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Miss E. Jackson	10.00	Edward Whitney	20.00
Edward Jackson	10.00	Mrs. W. S. Whitwell	10.00
Mrs. C. Jackson, jun.	10.00	Miss Young	5.00
H. P. Kidder	50.00	Miss F. Young	5.00
Francis C. Lowell	50.00	Total	\$2,130.00

DONATIONS TO BOYS' HOME.

Mrs. S. Appleton	\$5.00	Charles Parker	\$5.00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks	10.00	T. D. Quincy	5.00
Mrs. Gorham Brooks	20.00	Dr. L. B. Russell	5.00
Wm. I. Bowditch	5.00	Mrs. J. A. Reed	5.00
Mrs. W. C. Cabot	50.00	John Richards	10.00
Miss M. G. Chapman	5.00	Israel Nash	5.00
Mrs. R. M. Cushing	5.00	Turner Sargent	30.00
P. W. Chandler	10.00	Mrs. H. W. Sargent	5.00
Jonathan Ellis	10.00	W. B. Spooner	10.00
George B. Emerson	10.00	E. S. Tobey	5.00
A Friend	20.00	Mrs. S. Wheelwright	2.00
Mr. Fowle, Auburndale	50.00	Miss M. A. Wales	100.00
John C. Gray	25.00	B. C. White	3.00
C. F. Gerry	5.00	SPECIAL DONATIONS.	
George Gardner	10.00	Mrs. E. H. Eldridge, for Christmas	100.00
George Howe	20.00	Estate of Charles Sanders	100.00
H. H. Hunnewell	25.00	Mass. Charitable Fire Society	150.00
M. R. Hall	10.00	May Day Festival at West Newton,	
Wm. E. James	5.00	S. Barnard, Treasurer	73.06
Henry Lee	10.00	May Day Festival at Newton, G.	
Mrs. Linzee	5.00	Abbott, Treasurer	324.44
W. P. Mason	10.00	Total	\$1,272.50
William Munro	10.00		

Mr. Fred Bush, Wood, &c.
Miss A. Valentine, Books and Pictures.
Mrs. Howland, Basket of Pears.
Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, Apples.
M. S. Scudder, Books and Plants.

C. T. Hubbard, Swing Rope.
Mrs. Pierce, 4 pair Skates.
Mrs. H. Lee, 3 suits Clothing.
Mr. Sherman, \$5.00.
Boston Sewing Circle, Clothing for boys.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE GIRLS' HOME.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 1st, 1869	\$1,168.48
Annual Subscriptions	713.00
Donations	1,814.67
Interest earned	23.36
Amount received for Hay sold	51.60
	<u>\$3,771.11</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	\$751.22
Provisions	438.09
Clothing	134.60
Miscellaneous	1,354.91
Balance on hand June 2d, 1870	1,092.29
	<u>\$3,771.11</u>

BOSTON, June 2, 1870.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer*.

This certifies that I have examined the above account, and find the same duly vouched and correctly cast.

EDWARD P. BOND, *Auditor*.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS TO GIRLS' HOME.

H. S. Burdett	\$50.00	Mrs. Rogers	\$20.00
N. G. Chapin	10.00	Miss E. Jackson	5.00
Mrs. A. W. Beard	25.00	F. C. Lowell	50.00
Mrs. David Buck	5.00	George W. Merritt	25.00
Augustus DePeyster	25.00	Henry Mason	25.00
E. E. Floyd	25.00	Miss A. R. Newman	20.00
Miss L. Floyd	5.00	Mrs. J. P. Putnam	5.00
Subscribed through H. S. Burdett	15.00	R. L. Saville	15.00
Mrs. M. L. Hall	5.00	C. W. Scudder	100.00
Mrs. W. F. Hall	10.00	Benjamin Sewall	50.00
Mrs. Frank Howe	5.00	N. Thayer	100.00
E. W. Hooper	25.00	Mrs. A. S. Young	5.00
Miss A. J. Holmes	3.00	Mrs. C. V. Whitten	10.00
C. T. Hbbard	50.00	Mrs. W. Wilson	5.00
Miss L. H. Bradlee	10.00	Total	<u>\$713.00</u>
Otis Daniell	10.00		

DONATIONS TO GIRLS' HOME.

Miss Wales	\$50.00	Ladies of the Charity Square, New-	
Mr. Fowle, Auburndale	50.00	ton	\$400.00
Mrs. W. C. Cabot	50.00	May Day Festival at Newton . .	324.44
Miss Bancroft	5.00	May Day Festival at West Newton	73.07
J. P. Palmer	5 00	Children's Fair at Newton . . .	33.00
Though Mrs. Pomeroy, at Home .	69.16	Children's Fair at Newton . . .	50.00
Wm. T. Eustis	5.00	Harvard Church S. School, Brook-	
Friends in Newton	25.00	line	100.00
Mrs. Theodore Parker	5 00	Newton S. School	25.00
A Friend	20.00	Congregational S. School at Newton	50.00
Mrs. Shid, Providence, R. I. . .	10.00	Baptist S. School at Newton . .	35.00
Mr. Chester, Newton Centre . .	5.00	S. School Union at Newton . . .	25.00
Estate of Charles Sanders . . .	100.00	S. School at Brookline	50 00
Mrs. E. H. Eldridge, for Christmas	100.00		\$1,814.67
Mass. Charitable Fire Society . .	150.00		

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- June 4. Mrs. C. Hubbard, Boston, Clothing.
 " Miss Horton, Newtonville, 1 Croquet Set.
- July 4. Mr. Burdett, Brookline, 1 Croquet Set.
 " Mr. C. Copeland, Boston, Confectionery.
 " Mrs. Haley, Newton, Clothing.
 " Miss Spear, Newton, Boots and Dresses.
 " Mrs. T. Parker, Boston, Clothing.
- Aug. 26. Mrs. Wm. Libbey, Newton, Clothing.
 " Mrs Wm. Sweetzer, Newton, Clothing.
- Sept. 1. Committee of May Day Festival, Newton, 1 Sewing Machine.
 " Mrs. Claffin, Newtonville, Watermelons.
 " Mrs. Walworth, Newtonville, Peas.
 " Mrs. F. Hyde, Newtonville, Peas.
 " Miss H. Harback, Newton Centre, 7 new Garments, Dresses, &c.
 " Mrs. G. Colby, Newton Centre, Peas.
 " Mrs. Harback, Newton Centre, Dresses, Shawls.
 " Mrs. Washburn, Newton, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Forbes, Newton Centre, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Wm. Libbey, Newton, Boots and Clothing.
- Oct. 10. Mrs. Little, Newton Centre, Clothing.
 " Mrs. F. Hyde, Newton Centre, Clothing.
 " Mrs. C. Hubbard, Boston, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Bancroft, Newton, 1 barrel Apples.
- Nov. 5. Mrs. Carlton, Boston, 43 yards Calico.
 " Mrs. Smith, Pittsfield, 1 Quilt.
- Nov. 13. Miss Spear, Newton, 10 pairs Woolen Hose.
 " Messrs Ward, Newton Centre, Apples, Vegetables.
 " Mr. Hitchcock, Newton, 1 barrel Potatoes, Vegetables.
 " Mrs. E. Fowle, Newton Centre, Sweet Potatoes. Cranberries, Sugar.
 " Mr. Walworth, Newtonville, 1 barrel Apples.
 " Mr. Blakeslee, Newton Centre, 1 Turkey, barrel Apples.
 " Mrs. Hazeltine, Newton Centre, Cake.
 " Mr. Wood, Newton Centre, 1 bushel Turnips.
 " Mrs. F. Hyde, Newton Centre, Apples, Pies.
 " Mrs. Ashton, Newton Centre, Cake, Clothing.

- Nov. 13 Mrs. F. Scudder, Newton Centre, 1 Ham.
 " Mr. B. Kingsbury, Newton Centre, 2 bushels Potatoes.
 " Mrs. Cornelius, Newton Centre, 1 bushel Potatoes.
 " Mrs. Paul, Newton Centre, Squashes.
 " Mrs. Brown, Newton Centre, Sweet Potatoes.
 " Mrs. H. James, Newton Centre, Pies.
 " Mr. Blakeslee, Newton Centre, 1 Turkey.
 " Mrs. Cousins, Newton Centre, Pears.
 " Mrs. Loring, Newton Centre, Clothing.
 " Mrs. C. Pearce, Newton, Pies, Pears.
 " Mrs. W. Warren, Newton, Pies.
 " Mrs. Bray, Newton Centre, Pies.
 " Mrs. Forbes, Newton Centre, Pies.
 " Mrs. G. H. Quincy, Newton, Apples, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Hutchins, Newton Centre, Clothing.
 " D. & E. Stone, Newton Centre, Vegetables, Pears.
 " Mr. T. Kingsbury, Newton Centre, Vegetables.
 Nov. 19. Mrs. Jessup, Newton Centre, 1 Turkey.
 " Mrs. Haley, Newton, Clothing, Pies, Apples.
 Nov. 9. Mrs. Walker, Newton, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Worcester, Newtonville, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Horton, Newtonville, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Clapp, Newtonville, Clothing.
 " Baptist Church, West Newton, 3 Comfortables.
 Dec. 15. Miss Shannon, Newton, 7 pairs Rubbers, 50 yards Flannel, 40 yards Dress Goods.
 " Miss G. Lowell, Boston, 1 Dress, 2 Skirts.
 " Mrs. Clark, Newton, Mittens, Hose.
 " Merritt, Blanchard, & Co., Boston, 23 pairs Boots.
 " Mrs. Washburn, Newton, 1 Turkey, Maple Sugar, Cranberries.
 " Mrs. Clark, Newton, Hose, Mittens, Flannel, DeLaine.
 " Mr. S. Jackson, Newton Centre, Potatoes.
 " Mrs. G. Harwood, Newton, Clothing, Puddings.
 " Rev. Mr. Worcester's Society, Newtonville, 24 Garments.
 " Miss Shannon, Newton, 1 dozen Hair Brushes.
 " Mr. M. Sargent, Newton, Games, Mottoes, Pictures.
 Jan. 6. Mr. Potter, Newton, 1 barrel Flour.
 " Ward Brothers, Newton Centre, Pickles, Apples, Vegetables.
 " Mr. Hedge's Sewing Circle, Brookline, 6 pairs Sheets.
 Feb. 17. Mrs. Ashton, Newton Centre, Tea, Macaroni, Cake.
 " Mrs. Little, Newton Centre, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Bower, Newton Centre, Clothing, Shoes.
 " Mrs. Hubbard, Boston, 3½ dozen books.
 April 9. Mrs. Ashton, Newton Centre, Books.
 " Mrs. Furber, Newton Centre, 2½ bushels Potatoes.
 " Mrs. Smith, West Newton, Clothing.
 " Baptist S. School, Brookline, 21 pieces Clothing.
 May 2. Mrs. Slade, Chestnut Hill, Clothing.
 " May Day Festival, Newton, Cotton Cloth.
 " Mrs. Worcester, Newtonville, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Keith, Newtonville, Clothing.
 " Miss Hastings, Newtonville, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Little, Newton Centre, Clothing.
 " Mrs. Snow, Newtonville, Clothing.
 3 pair White Blankets, Houghton, Perkins, & Co., Boston.
 School Books, R. S. Davis & Co., Boston.
 School Books, Woolworth, Ainsworth, & Co., Boston.
 7 pairs Blankets, M. H. Simpson, Boston.





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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE work of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY for the past year has gone on so quietly, and so entirely to the satisfaction of the Directors, that an Annual Report seems almost unnecessary, but to comply with our By-Laws.

The general work of the Society in this city, including the duty of keeping the Newton Homes full of such children as most need their shelter and care, has been intrusted, as heretofore, to Mr. Cook and Miss Burnham, whose devotion to the welfare of neglected children needs no statement here.

HOME AT PINE FARM, WEST NEWTON.

Since the Home was first opened, we have received one hundred and seventy-five boys under twelve years of age. Of these, fifty-eight have been placed in good homes in the country,—most of them in this State, a few in New Hampshire and Maine; seventy-one have been returned to their homes in the city; thirty are now at the Home; and sixteen have run away, or, as our record book expresses it, "have left without permission." When it is considered that we have no bolts upon our doors, no confinement is used, and the entire freedom of a twenty-acre lot is given, it is only a wonder that so few should have escaped from us; yet not a wonder, when we reflect upon the power there is in LOVE, joined with firmness, in dealing with these boys.

Our last Annual Report stated the need of a suitable room at Pine Farm for the gathering of the family when out of

school. A building for this purpose has been put up during the year, at a cost of less than \$800; and we feel sure that all our friends who have seen the family together in the cheerful new room, will agree that we have got our money's worth. The visitor's record book is full of expressions of satisfaction with the neatness, good order, and pleasant tone of the household under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Washburn and their family, and with the evident good effect of all this on the boys. The visitor for July, in particular, seemed much impressed with the bright and healthy expression of the Pine-Farm boys, in contrast with the look of the same class of boys in the city institution at Deer Island.

Such slight suggestions as have been made from time to time as to the condition of water-pipes, and other needs of the Home, have received the prompt attention of the Executive Committee. Every thing is now in excellent working order; and if the health of Mrs. Washburn and that of her daughters can be assured, we may well expect to do much good the coming year.

The number of boys in the Home at the beginning of the year was thirty. Seventeen have been received since. Fourteen have gone to places in the country. Three have returned to their homes. One has been sent to the Reform School at Westboro. One has run away. The number now in the Home is twenty-eight: of these, nine are Irish; fourteen American; two English; two Italian; one Danish.

MR. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

I herewith present to you my second annual report of the crops raised on Pine Farm. The past season being one of severe drouth, some of the crops were much injured; the root crop was almost a failure: the first crop of hay was very good. I have kept one horse and three cows during the winter, and have some over three tons of hay on hand, which it seems advisable to keep for the next winter, as the prospect for hay is not very good at present. Our sweet corn and early potatoes

were good. I was obliged to buy potatoes for winter use ; but very fortunately raised about a half-acre of cucumbers, which sold for more than enough to buy the potatoes, although I did not get but a half-crop. The following table will show nearly the amount raised the past year : —

Hay	about 8 tons.
Oat Fodder	" 2 "
Corn Fodder	" 2 "
Sweet Corn, on the ear	50 bushels.
Shelled and String Beans	6 "
Dry Beans	2 "
Potatoes	48 "
Onions	5 "
Beets	4 "
Mangel-Wurzel	15 "
Carrots	14 "
Ruta Bagas	20 "
Peas	12 "
Tomatoes	15 "
Squashes	3 barrels.
Apples	7 "
Cucumbers for Pickles	28,000

We also butchered 470 pounds pork, and made 162 pounds butter. Last season we set out 2,000 strawberry plants and 300 raspberry vines ; but owing to the dry weather, they do not promise as well as we hoped.

Thus we can present to you the result of a part of our labors : the other part, the welfare of the boys, the future must tell ; but we can hope and trust they have not been in vain. If we have not accomplished all we could wish, yet we have many things to encourage us. As we look upon the boys that leave us, and go to the homes provided for them, and think what they were when they came to us, we can but bless God for this Home, and that he has permitted us to labor here ; for while we have endeavored to teach these boys lessons that shall be useful to them in life, we also have learned some useful lessons. The command is daily unto us, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand."

One thing we seem to be losing just now is the singing of the

boys. We had a number of boys leave us that were excellent singers, and their places filled with those that were not singers, and we find it makes a great difference. Mr. Whittemore, of Newtonville, still aids us what he can. If some one felt that they wanted to do these boys good, I know of no better way than to teach them to sing, and it would be a great help to us who have the care of them.

We have enjoyed, more than we can tell you, the new reading room; and our wonder is now how we could have done without it.

We would thank the many friends who have aided us in word and deed, and hope that others may become interested in the work that we are trying to do for the Master.

Respectfully submitted by

CHARLES H. WASHBURN.

THE GIRLS' HOME, AT NEWTON CENTRE,

Is also in most satisfactory condition, under Mrs. Pomroy's good care. The wash-room, suggested in the last Annual Report, has been made during the year, at a cost of about \$500, a sum which seems very small for such an addition. Our visitors have expressed great delight with the good order and cheerfulness of the Home, and with the marked improvement in the appearance of the girls. The suggestions of the visitors for December, as to employment of the older girls at small wages, have been carried into effect with excellent result.

At the beginning of the year the number of girls in the Home was twenty-six. Since then eight have been received; six have gone to their homes; two have run away. The number is now twenty-six. The report of the matron best shows the condition and working of the institution, and leaves us nothing further to say.

MRS. POMROY'S REPORT.

In the Home for Girls, at the present time, there are twenty-six children, their ages all the way from six to sixteen. During the year, eight have been added, six have gone to their homes, and two ran away. Our larger girls are now getting to be a great help to us about the work, and it has been decided by the managers to keep them till they are eighteen years of age, hoping by that time they will have good, settled habits, and when they leave the Home they will go with a good name, which is better than great riches.

There has been a great improvement in the inmates of the Home during the past year, both in their general behaviour, studies, and the work about the house; and there has been a change in the refining influence which the older girls have over the younger ones, which we have never seen before. We have found it pleasant and profitable to let some of the best older girls have the care of a younger child, and let her take the responsibility of seeing her ready for school, looking after her clothing, getting her ready for the Sabbath, &c., and that has made a sisterly feeling with the children, and more like a home. As we change our work every month, each girl has a different work to do, which gives them an opportunity to understand all kinds done in the Home.

Our friends have not forgotten to "feed the hungry, clothe the poor," and also cheer the hearts of those who are laboring to save these outcast children, till the great harvest-time, when the Reaper will gather them. We often have tokens of kindness and sympathy extended to us, at the very time when our spirits get low, the nerves strained, and the brain overtaxed.

We appreciate all the many little kindnesses that have come to us during the four and a half years of our labor, and hope they may continue, with new friends in the future.

In June all were invited to Mrs. Claflin's, to enjoy not only the pleasant grounds, but the beautiful table, spread with every thing to tempt the appetite.

On the 4th of July their pic-nic in the woods was very pleas-

ant. Far from the noisy bustle of city life, under the cooling shade of trees, their table was spread on the grass, and their pleasant voices rang out not only in patriotic strains, — "My country, 'tis of thee," and the "Star Spangled Banner," — but "Who shall sing, if not the children?" echoed through the woods; and we felt if some who have never taken any interest in these little ones, who are picked up from the dark places, exposed to all kinds of temptations, beaten by miserable drunken parents, now made so happy, could see them, a chord would be touched, and a trifle sent to help on this great, good work.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were secured to us by our friend, Mr. E. Fowle, Newton Centre, who kindly raised for us the sum of \$23.35, showing the kindness of friends in Newton, and believing they felt, "He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord."

On Christmas, quite a number of useful presents were sent the children, and a tree was placed in the schoolhouse, that held the books, toys, &c.; and after the children had sung, addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Clark, of Newton Centre, Mr. M. S. Scudder, of Grantville, and Mr. Colby, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Situated as we are, without any man on the place, we often go to our neighbor and director, Mr. S. M. Jackson, and always find him ready to assist and advise us; and he is a great help on the farm, as he sees that the land is laid out well with vegetables for summer use.

The first of April the teacher resigned on account of sickness.

As we review the past year, we feel to thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us in the Home; and we feel to take courage that it is so well with us, that no death has occurred, but little sickness; that the girls are trying to do better, and that some of them are anxious to hear about Heaven, and learn the way; and our earnest prayer is, when He cometh to make up His jewels, that all that are gathered in the Home on earth may find an entrance in that Home in Heaven; for the comforting words are, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

REPORT OF RUFUS R. COOK, GENERAL AGENT.

I have continued in my daily visitations to our prisons and courts through another year, having taken no vacation, from duty, excepting when laid by from sickness.

To the large numbers that have been arrested for crime and wrong-doing, and passed through our courts of justice, I have had opportunity to speak individually; and wherever there seems *true* sorrow, and their fall was the result of inexperience, or lack of early education and parental restraint, I have endeavored to lend a helping hand.

The boys in our school at Newton have also been visited two or three times a week. My convictions grow stronger by the experience of years, that those who are longest under training there, do the best when they leave.

Where we seek their moral elevation and renovation, it is an individual work, and we cannot hurry them through in large numbers. I have endeavored to keep up a correspondence with those who have been sent away into families, the most of whom are doing well; and my heart is often cheered by meeting with some of our first boys, who, after being in the school awhile, obtained situations in or near the city; and they have been preserved from its temptations as by an unseen Power. Some, it is true, have fallen, and are now in places of correction; yet in the main I am fully persuaded, that "our labor has not been in vain in the Lord." The influences brought to bear upon them in our homes are the right ones. We work by love and by moral suasion, influencing them to right action by presenting pure and noble motives. More real good is accomplished in this way than in any other, and this gives us an advantage over any State institution.

Our School is full; and were another opened, it could soon be filled from the numbers ready to perish, whose parents come to me with the inquiry, "What shall I do with my boy?" or, "What can you do for him?"

R. R. COOK.

WORK AT THE JAIL.

Our missionary, Miss Burnham, we believe is doing quietly a very important work. She goes to the jail every day except Sundays, sees and becomes acquainted with the boys who are confined there. She reads to them, talks with them, and to the most ignorant she gives a little instruction in reading. She visits their families, tries to be to them a Christian friend at a time when they are often most susceptible to kindness and wise counsel. She reports that she has made 305 visits at the jail, and 756 visits on business growing out of her work at the jail.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the Society has been good throughout the year, and is encouraging for the future. We are not rich, but we have an increasing number of good friends, and our real needs have always been generously provided for.

Our work in this city is carried on at a cost of about \$1000 a year for salaries and expenses, a sum which, for the coming year, will probably be covered by the income from our invested funds. Our real estate is free from debt, and the improvements made within the year have been paid for. For the current expenses of maintaining our Homes, we must still look to our subscriptions and gifts. During the past year these have been sufficient for our needs, and we feel sure they will be so in the time to come. The Treasurer's Report contains a detailed statement of receipts, expenses, and general condition. We cannot close without expressing the thanks of the Society to the young ladies of "Charity Square," for their large gift of \$900 to the Girls' Home, without which we could hardly have made so favorable an exhibit of our finances.

The result of all our experiences as a Society confirms us in the belief that our work grows in importance and interest every year; and we are more than ever convinced that, had we the necessary means, another Home could be opened and filled at once with children of the description we seek to save.

In behalf of the Managers,

EDWARD W. HOOPER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year, Boys' Home	.	.	.	.	.	\$326.43	
" " " " Girls' Home	.	.	.	.	.	1,092.29	
							\$1,418.72
Legacy from Mr. Waterston	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,000.00
" " Miss Joy	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,000.00
Income from Loring Fund	.	.	.	.	.	\$44.00	
" " Abigail Loring Fund	.	.	.	.	.	400.00	
" " Waterston Fund	.	.	.	.	.	77.13	
							521.13
<i>Boys' Home.</i>							
Donations	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,517.37	
Subscriptions	.	.	.	.	.	2,085.00	
Farm Produce sold	.	.	.	.	.	174.91	
Received for picking Hair, by boys	.	.	.	.	.	71.40	
							3,848.68
<i>Girls' Home.</i>							
Donations	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,084.31	
Subscriptions	.	.	.	.	.	638.00	
							2,722.31
Total Receipts	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$16,510.84

EXPENDITURES.

Waterston Fund.	Bought two Burlington and Missouri-River Railroad						
	7 per cent Land-Grant Bonds					\$1,798.88	
" "	Bought four Shares Philadelphia, Wilmington, and						
	Baltimore Railroad					216.79	
							\$2,015.67
Joy Fund.	Bought five Ottawa, Oswego and Fox-River Railroad						
	8 per cent Bonds						4,912.50
<i>General Expenses.</i>							
Salaries and Expenses of Agents in Boston	.	.	.	.	.	\$960.00	
Printing and Distributing Report	.	.	.	.	.	77.00	
							\$1,037.00
<i>Boys' Home.</i>							
Salaries	.	.	.	.	.	\$996.50	
Provisions	.	.	.	.	.	1,183.19	
Clothing	.	.	.	.	.	227.14	
Miscellaneous	.	.	.	.	.	1,063.00	
Addition to House at Pine Farm	.	.	.	.	.	757.87	
							4,237.70
<i>Girls' Home.</i>							
Salaries	.	.	.	.	.	\$793.00	
Provisions	.	.	.	.	.	897.14	
Clothing	.	.	.	.	.	137.40	
Miscellaneous	.	.	.	.	.	779.92	
Addition to House	.	.	.	.	.	515.88	
							3,123.34
June 1, 1871.							
Balance on hand,—Boys' Home	.	.	.	.	.	\$3.37	
" " Girls' Home	.	.	.	.	.	1,191.26	
							1,194.63
							\$16,510.84

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account, and found it correctly cast and duly vouched.

EDWARD P. BOND, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIBERS TO BOYS' HOME.

F. Amory	\$25.00	Miss G. Lowell	\$50.00
George Atkinson	10.00	John Lowell	10.00
George M. Barnard	100.00	John A. Lowell	10.00
George Bemis	25.00	C. W. Loring	20.00
Seth Bemis	25.00	Mrs. C. G. Loring	50.00
Miss L. H. Bradlee	10.00	Theodore Lyman	20.00
Martin Brimmer	25.00	George R. Minot	10.00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20.00	Mrs. S. T. Morse	25.00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50.00	Misses Newman	40.00
Wm. S. Bullard	25.00	Wm. C. Peters	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Brookline	10.00	Mrs. F. C. Paine	25.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, jun.	20.00	John Parkman	10.00
Miss Sarah Cabot	5.00	Miss E. S. Quincy	5.00
W. C. Cabot	15.00	T. D. Quincy	5.00
Mrs. E. Codman	10.00	John Rogers	10.00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10.00	M. S. Scudder	100.00
James Freeman Clarke	10.00	Henry Saltonstall	100.00
Oliver Ditson	25.00	Benj. Sewall	50.00
James Davis	10.00	Mrs. R. T. Paine, jun.	50.00
Miss Dennison	100.00	Miss M. C. Stevenson	5.00
Wm. Endicott, jun.	100.00	Mrs. J. Tolman	25.00
George A. Goddard	25.00	N. Thayer	100.00
Miss E. Q. Guild	5.00	Mrs. E. Vose	10.00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10.00	Mrs. S. D. Wells	5.00
R. C. Greenleaf	100.00	Misses Wigglesworth	50.00
E. W. Hooper	25.00	T. Wigglesworth	20.00
Miss Alice Hooper	10.00	R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Mrs. A. Hemenway	100.00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10.00	Miss Wales	100.00
Chas. T. Hubbard	50.00	Edward Whitney	20.00
Miss E. A. Foster	25.00	Mrs. W. S. Whitwell	10.00
Miss E. Jackson	10.00	Miss Young	5.00
Edward Jackson	10.00	Miss F. Young	5.00
Mrs. C. Jackson, jun.	10.00		
H. P. Kidder	50.00		
Francis C. Lowell	50.00		
			\$2085.00

DONATIONS TO BOYS' HOME.

Mrs. P. C. Brooks	\$10.00	Mrs. G. M. Barnard, for Christmas	\$12.00
A friend	20.00	Dr. L. B. Russell	5 00
W. I. Bowditch	5.00	Mrs. J. H. Reed	5.00
Miss M. G. Chapman	5.00	Israel Nash	5.00
Christmas Donations	86.20	Turner Sargent	10.00
Jonathan Ellis	10.00	Wm. B. Spooner	10.00
George B. Emersor	5.00	E. S. Tobey	5.00
Wm. B. Fowle	50.00	B. C. White	3.00
A friend	5.00	Miss M. A. Wales, for addition to	
A friend	5.00	Farm House	100.00
C. F. Gerry	5.00	James Parker	25.00
George Gardner	10.00	A friend	25.00
George Howe	10.00	Concert at West Newton, (through	
H. H. Hunnewell	25.00	H. A. Hall)	100.00
J. R. Hall	10.00	Estate of Chas. Sanders (through	
Wm. E. James	5.00	Leverett Saltonstall, Esq., of	
Henry Lee	10.00	Newton)	125.00
Mrs. Linzee	5.00	Massachusetts Charitable Fire So-	
Wm. P. Mason	10.00	cietiy	50.00
Wm. Munro	10.00	Excursion in Steamer Escort . .	336.17
Miss Pratt	100.00	Boston Amateur Dramatic Club .	225.00
Mrs. G. W. Lyman	75.00		
			\$1,517.37

Cyrus Carpenter, Boston, 1 Stove.

Tucker Manufacturing Company, Boston, 1 Chandelier.

M. H. Sargent, Boston, Illuminated Mottoes.

L. Valentine, Boston, 1 Sleigh, 2 Cows.

Mr. Macullar, West Newton, Neck-ties.

Dr. and Mrs. Slade, Chestnut Hill, Pictures, Clothing, and Yarn.

Mrs. Mason, Newton Centre, Clothing.

Mrs. Pierce, Newton, Clothing.

Mrs. C. Hubbard, Boston, Clothing.

Mr. Ball, West Newton, Clothing and Sleds.

Mrs. Lambert, West Newton, Books.

Mrs. Robinson, West Newton, Cake.

Mr. Tiffany, West Newton, Cake.

Mrs. Brown, West Newton, Neck-ties.

Miss Ball, West Newton, Neck-ties.

Mr. Hinckley, West Newton, 2 barrels Apples, 2 shoulders Pork.

Mr. Howland, West Newton, 3 barrels Apples, and Pears.

Mr. Hitchcock, Newton, Ham.

Miss Shannon, Newton, 1 Turkey on Thanksgiving, 1 Turkey on Christmas.

Mrs. Walker, Newtonville, Clothing.

Mr. Kingman, Brookline, 40 Caps.

Mr. Valentine, New York, 30 Jackknives, Cow, and Sleigh.

Mr. M. S. Scudder, Boston, Books.

Miss Shannon, Newton, Maps for School and Reading Rooms, 3 dozen Handkerchiefs, \$2 for Tooth Brushes, 2 barrels Apples.

Miss Howe, Auburndale, \$10.

Miss Gray, Cambridgeport, 3 pairs Mittens, 1 pair Stockings, 1 dozen Handkerchiefs.

Miss Murdock, Cambridgeport, Paper for Parlor.

Mr. Burdett, Brookline, Box of Oranges.

Mr. Frost, West Newton, Asparagus and Peach Trees.

Converse & Allen, Boston, 1 Side of Leather.

DONATIONS TO GIRLS' HOME.

Wm. B. Fowle	\$50.00	Mass. Charitable Fire Society	\$50.00
Mrs. Carlton, Boston	35.00	Fair at Newton	900.00
Miss Nellie Draper	50.00	Harvard Ch. S. School, at Brookline,	100.00
Miss Wasgats	5.00	Grantville Sabbath School	30.00
Gen. Blakeslee	10.00	Excursion in Steamer Escort	337.18
Collection in the Newton Cars	23.35	Boston Amateur Dramatic Club	225.00
Mrs. Theodore Nickerson	10.00	Collected through Mrs. Pomroy, at	
Miss M. E. G.	5.00	Home	24.78
Dr. J. G. Warren	5.00	Children's Fair	9.00
Miss Williams	5.00	Rev. Mr. Richards, Baptist Sabbath	
Mrs. Theodore Parker	5.00	School	15.00
Miss Newman	5.00	Congregational Sabbath School	10.00
Estate of Charles Sanders (through		Baptist School at Newton	50.00
Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, New-			
ton)	125.00		
			\$2,084.31

Nath. Merriam & Co., 3 Hams.
 Pratt & Wentworth, Stove and Boiler.
 Wm. Mills & Co., Bath-tub.
 J. G. Bowdlear & Co., 1 barrel Graham Flour.
 E. Nickerson & Co., 1 quintal Salt Fish.
 Chas. E. Chase, Esq., 1 chest Tea.
 Seth Adams, Esq., 1 barrel Syrup.
 D. Cummings & Co., 2 Door-mats.
 Cutter, Tower & Co., Stationery.
 J. S. Paine, 7 Stools.
 Bridgam & Peabody, 1 Basket.

1870.

- June 7. Mrs. Washburn, Clothing, Newton.
 " 14. Mr. Potter, 75 pairs Boots, Newton.
 " 15. Mrs. Bancroft, 1½ dozen Eggs, Brookline.
 " 21. Mrs. Clafin, half barrel Crackers, Newtonville.
 " 22. Mrs. Crane, 1 bushel Oat Meal, Newton.
 " 23. Rev. Mr. Worcester, 2 dozen Books, Newtonville.
 " 23. Mrs. Carter, 1 dozen Books, Newtonville.
 " 30. Mrs. Bancroft, 9 boxes Strawberries, Newton.
 July 2. Mr. John Robinson, 6 yards Calico, Clothing, &c., Newton.
 " 5. Mrs. Carlton, 24 yards Calico, 2 dozen Handkerchiefs, Boston.
 " 7. Mr. Magee, Furnace, comprising 1 Iron Kettle, Boston.
 " 21. Miss Shannon, 20 yards Crash, Newton.
 " 26. Mr. A. A. Weir, 1 dozen Tooth Brushes, Newton Centre.
 " 27. Mrs. C. Hubbard, Melons and Clothing, Boston.
 " 28. Mrs. F. Hyde, Pears, Newton Centre.
 " 28. Mrs. Wardwell, 1 barrel Potatoes, Newton Centre.
 Sept. 20. Mrs. Knowles, 26 Aprons, Boscawen, N. H.
 " 23. Mrs. Ashton, Clothing, Books, &c., Newton Centre.
 " 23. Mrs. F. Hyde, Grapes, Newton Centre.
 " 27. Mrs. Valentine, Clothing, Toys, &c., Newtonville.
 " 27. Mrs. Little, Clothing, Newton Centre.
 Oct. 21. Mr. G. Colby, 4 barrels Apples, 1 barrel Pears, Newton Centre.
 " 22. Miss Spear, 14 pairs Hose, Newton.
 " 22. Mrs. Valentine, Clothing, Newton Centre.
 " 24. Miss Hastings, Clothing, Newtonville.
 " 24. Mrs. Harbuck, Hats, Clothing, &c., Newton Centre.

DONATIONS TO GIRLS' HOME, *continued.*

1870.

- Nov. 3. Mrs. Withington, for the Brookline Circle, Bread, Apples, Cake, Brookline.
 " 17. Mr. J. Crane, 4 Loads Wood, Newton Centre.
 " 18. Mrs. Ricker, Clothing, Newton.
 " 21. Rev. Mr. Worcester's Society, Clothing (1 doz.), Newtonville.
 " 22. Dr. Slade, Clothing, Chestnut Hill.
 " 22. Gen. Blakeslee, 1 Turkey, Newton Centre.
 " 22. G. D. Gilman, 1 Turkey, Apples, Newton.
 " 22. G. H. Quincy, 2 pairs Chickens, Nuts, &c., Newton
 " 22. Mrs. Forbes, Pies, Newton Centre.
 " 22. Mrs. Bray, Pies, Newton Centre.
 " 25. Mrs. Walworth, 1 barrel Apples, Newtonville.
 " 25. Miss Shannon, 2 Turkeys, Newton.
 " 25. Mrs. Clark; 1 Turkey, Nuts, &c., Newton.
 Dec. 17. Miss Shannon, 2 pieces Crash, Newton.
 " 19. Mrs. Fuller, Clothing, Newton.
 " —. Miss H. Fuller, 6 pairs Mittens, Newton.
 " 22. Ward Brothers, Apples, Vegetables, Newton Centre.
 " 23. Miss Shannon, 2 barrels Apples, Newton Centre.
 " 24. Mr. W. Loring, 1 Turkey, Newton Centre.
 " 24. Miss Shannon, 2 dozen Towels, Newton Centre.
 " 26. Mrs. Hitchcock, 1 barrel Apples, Newton.

1871.

- Jan. 17. Mrs. Ward, Firkin Pickles, Newton Centre.
 " 30. Miss E. B. Loring, 2 pieces Prints, Newton Centre.
 Feb. 13. Mr. G. Colby, 4 barrels Apples, Newton Centre.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Not long since, in East Boston, an unoccupied house was entered by two small boys, intent on petty pilfering. They succeeded in carrying off a small quantity of old lead pipe, which they sold for a trifle. Unfortunately the water had not been turned off, the house was flooded, and injury to the amount of about two thousand dollars was the result. This fact, though exceptional, is significant, as showing what unexpected, direful mischief may be wrought by only a few viciously inclined children.

The whole number of such who in a given year have been criminals, or who are likely to become so, it is difficult to learn from statistics. To refer to one item only: From the last Report of the Visiting Agent of the Board of State Charities in Massachusetts, it appears that, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1871, there were arraigned before the courts twelve hundred and thirty-three persons between the ages of six and fifteen years. What an amount of loss and risk to the community, during the past year, do these figures indicate! and especially when it is considered that such loss and risk are far from being pecuniary only, and also far from being final, but on the contrary ominous of huge cumulative growth in the future. How many of these children, in street and home schools, have been learning rudimentary lessons, their diligent heed to which many an act of successful villainy in coming years will testify,—good people then, as now, wondering at “the strange increase of crime.” What a harvest of iniquity, to be reaped some five or ten years hence, have those small hands been sowing the seeds of during the last twelve months!

Considerations like these, though others quite as obvious were not wanting, led to the formation of the "Boston Children's Aid Society," under the Presidency of the late CHARLES G. LORING, in 1864; and soon after to the purchase of the Pine Farm at West Newton.

As our present Report may be read by some who have not seen our previous Reports, — some of which are also out of print, — it may not be superfluous to say a few words in respect to the ends sought through these instrumentalities. The primary object always kept in view is expressed in the act of our incorporation, viz., "the providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity; and to provide for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin."

Our chief agency towards these ends is the Farm at West Newton, at which we have received, since it was first opened, one hundred and ninety-five boys under the age of twelve years; and where there are now thirty. Some of these were sent there by their parents as unruly and unmanageable; others, by Mr. RUFUS R. COOK, our Agent, who is daily on the lookout at the Court House, and the offices of the Judge of Probate, and of the truant offices, for such children as have been criminals, or are in the way to become so. They remain at the Home during periods of time varying from six months to two and even three years; their stay dependent on their susceptibility to good influence. When it is deemed safe for them to depart, Mr. Cook's services again come into play. He has a list of persons needing boys to work on the farm; and with them, first assuring himself that they are suitable, he finds little difficulty in placing the boys. They do not, however, even then pass from his supervision: he keeps up a correspondence with them, and frequently visits them at their country homes.

Ours is not a costly, splendid edifice. It has not even the largeness usually deemed essential by the American mind, when largeness of benefit is aimed at. It is not one of those "great Institutions," which, in some respects like palaces, and in others

like barracks or prisons, impress the visitor chiefly by their "spick and span" tidiness, and orderly arrangement, and multiplicity of apparatus. Nor is there, in the bearing of our boys, any thing suggestive of mere mechanical exactness of movement; of rigid drill; of conformity to an over-strict rule, which is repressive rather than reformatory, — ordering, as it does, steps, hands, looks even, but not swaying the hearts, which never obey ordering. Our Home at Pine Farm does not look at all like an Institution: it looks like what it is—a very plain old farm-house, with the out-buildings, a barn, and a school-house (originally a blacksmith's shop), quite in keeping with the main building; and standing in a twenty-acre lot. Here thirty boys live under the eye of a country farmer and his wife, who do, however, happen to understand how to manage a large family; in fact, managing it precisely as other practical, intelligent, religious people govern smaller households. The boys look like other country boys who are well cared for. Five hours every day they go to school, kept by the daughter of the house, who, to skill in teaching, adds a conscientiousness and an interest in her pupils which are of great value to them.

At other times they may be seen at play, or else at work of various kinds. Some are hoeing or weeding, or pitching hay, or, if it is rainy, picking hair. Some are busy in their own gardens; others are seeing to the cows and pigs—"our cows and pigs," they will tell you; at another hour they will be found helping in the kitchen, or scrubbing the floor, or setting table. One has gone on an errand to the village; another will harness the horse, and drive the visitor to the railroad station. In the winter evenings they knit, while some one of the family reads aloud from an interesting book. Thus they are not only kept from idleness, but are in the way of acquiring habits, tastes, and skill which will be of service in after life.

The liking they get for country scenes and life will, we hope, be a safeguard to some against the city temptations which have been too strong for them. Sometimes, indeed, the malign attraction is recognized when they are away from the city. "How I like the smell of that pipe; it smells so of Boston!"

said a little fellow, the other day. And it is also true that, during seven years, twenty (twenty out of one hundred and ninety-five) have run away. These, however, are exceptional cases, and do not represent the feelings of the great majority. Then, too, what an education for the city lad is there in the various avocations of farm life! and this not only in farming, but as respects many other miscellaneous things which country boys know about, and know how to do. There is good reason for believing that, under these various influences, the number who do not decidedly improve is very small. Mr. Cook thinks that eighty-seven per cent of those who have left do well.

We have used the word *religious* in connection with the influences exerted at the Home. The Reports of Mr. and Mrs. Washburn show that, during the past year, several of the boys have been the subjects of peculiarly strong religious impressions. All who believe in those safeguards to character which true religion, as a vital principle of conduct and character, affords, will join in the hope that those impressions may be abiding, and so abundantly helpful in all coming years. Upon these and other details connected with the School and Farm, the Reports of Mr. and Mrs. Washburn, which are appended, will give further information.

Another reformatory instrumentality employed by our Society is the Home for Girls at Newton Centre, which received its first inmate on the 12th of November, 1866. Since then, the building having been burnt, the Home has been moved to the vicinity of the Baptist Theological Institution. The number of girls now there is twenty-two; their ages from six to sixteen. It has been from the beginning under the direction of Mrs. Pomeroy, who has shown herself in every respect peculiarly fitted for her task, prosecuted under some disadvantage. The chief drawback upon our satisfaction with its pleasant location, as well as excellent management, is the fear, confirmed by the appearance of several cases of typhoid fever from time to time, that the situation is unhealthy. Doubts have also been expressed as to whether there is so much demand now for a reformatory

school for girls as was supposed to exist when this first went into operation. It has not yet been decided what measures will be taken, in view of these suppositions. Our limits compel us to refer to the accompanying Report by Mrs. Pomeroy for further details in respect to its history during the past year.

The valuable services of Mr. R. R. Cook have been referred to. They are as effective now as they have been all along through the last eight years.

Miss Burnham (Mr. Cook's coadjutor) has also done a very useful work. She visited, last year, the jail, every day except Sundays; and we learn that her books, counsels, and sympathies are warmly appreciated by the young persons there whom she principally endeavors to influence. In addition, she has made four calls every day in all parts of Boston, on business connected with her mission. She would be much obliged if friends of the cause would send to the jail, to her care, such books as they would deem suitable for the younger members of their own families.

The report of our Treasurer will show our receipts and expenditures. It will not show how large is our indebtedness to many of our friends. To the citizens of Newton generally, to the religious societies, and to the editor of the Newton Journal, our thanks are especially due for various tokens of their interest in and approval of our work; also, to Mr. Geo. Trowbridge, for gratuitous instruction in singing at the schools.

From the Treasurer's Report it will be seen that, owing to the cessation of certain funds coming during the last year from exceptional sources, our receipts have fallen off considerably. We do not feel it to be right to draw unceasingly upon the benevolence of a few persons, especially where they have already contributed largely; and we therefore hope that others, and among them every reader of this Report, will aid us in a work which appeals to the sympathies, not of a few, but of the whole community.

JOHN PARKMAN,

For the Directors.

MR. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

The stock on the farm at the present time consists of one horse, three cows, two hogs, and thirteen pigs. Some of the crops suffered much from dry weather; the hay crop was rather light, and so also some of the root crops that were planted on dry land.

There have been some improvements made the past year: a new cistern built, a new root cellar, and a building raised up and repaired for a carriage-house. Our greatest need at present seems to be a carriage and wagon to put in the carriage-house.

Thus another year has passed with its labors, its trials, and its many, many blessings; and while often feeling that I ought to show better results from the labor on the Farm, I am led to look to more encouraging results of labor with the boys. I find them willing and eager to learn to work; and when we see them leaving us and going to the homes provided for them, and think how much more useful they will be to themselves and others for their stay here, we can truly say our labor has not been in vain. The thought that so many of the boys have been led to give their hearts to the Saviour, and so plainly manifest by their daily walk that they are living new lives, gives us great encouragement for the future, and leads us to thank God for his goodness to us. And with many thanks to the friends who have contributed to our comfort and welfare, we are encouraged to do what we can in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WASHBURN.

I submit the following report of crops raised on Pine Farm for the year 1871:—

Hay	about 7 tons.
Oat Fodder	" 2 "
Corn Fodder	" 2½ "
Potatoes	207 bushels.
Ruta Bagas	110 "
Flat Turnips	48 "
Mangel-Wurzel	40 "
Sweet Corn, on the ear	60 "
Onions	16 "
Shelled and String Beans	10 "
Dry Beans	3 "
Tomatoes	20 "
Peas	15 "
Squashes	4 barrels.
Cabbages	400 heads.
Butter made	250 pounds.
Butchered Pork	612 "

Sold off the Farm:—

Pork	\$27.08
Poultry	17.11
Eggs	48.47
Butter	23.71
Potatoes	22.00
Onions	10.93
Cabbages	3.00
2 Calves	28.62
2 Cows	82.68
Sundries	17.31
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	\$280.91
From Boys' labor, picking Hair	\$52.65

MRS. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

Since the Home was opened we have received one hundred and ninety-five boys. Sixty-seven of these have been placed in good homes in the country; seventy-five have been returned to their homes in the city; twenty have left the farm without permission, evidently for no other reason than a preference for city life.

We are glad, however, that so many are contented and happy in the pure enjoyments which the country affords. We rejoice still more that many have learned to look from Nature up to Nature's God, and to worship him in spirit and in truth.

The number of boys at the beginning of the year was twenty-eight; twenty have been received during the year; nine have gone to live on farms, and three more expect to go soon; four have gone to their homes, better boys, we believe, for having been at the Home. We number now, 1st of June, 1872, thirty boys: of these, nineteen are of American, eleven of foreign parentage. Our number thirty has been kept filled from June 10th, 1871, to June 1st, 1872.

If we were interested and encouraged during the first year of our labor, what shall we say of the past year, which has been so greatly blessed of our Heavenly Father? Truly, "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We have indeed been made to sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus; for "out of the mouth of babes hath he perfected praise." Sixteen of the boys give good evidence of being born again. Having heard the call of the Master, "Come unto

me," they obeyed, and found peace and joy in believing; and trusting Him for a present salvation, they have become new creatures in Christ Jesus: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. We can only say, "This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvelous in our eyes." Twelve have made a public confession of their faith by uniting with the Congregational Church at West Newton, Mr. H. J. Patrick, Pastor. One returned to his home uniting with the church where his parents belonged, and in the place where a year before he could not be controlled. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and his wonderful works to the children of men!" Further, we never before have had such substantial proof of the kindly sympathy and interest of our neighbors and friends as during the past year; so that we have been abundantly blest, both spiritually and temporally, everything uniting to make it a happy, happy year. That the coming year may be equally prosperous and profitable, we would say, "Brethren, pray for us."

On Thanksgiving and Christmas our labors were lightened, our hearts cheered and made glad, by abundant supplies of every good thing needed for the comfort and enjoyment of our family of thirty-five, contributed by our friends of Newton, as seen in the list of Donations. In October all were invited to Mrs. Eldredge's, in West Newton, to gather chestnuts, and partake of her bounties, and at the same time supplied with boots and slippers for the winter. Also, all were invited to Mr. Charles Hubbard's, in Weston, to enjoy his beautiful grounds, spending a delightful day, and taking dinner and tea with them. May all these kind friends be rewarded fully! No doubt that they have been; for we know "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH A. WASHBURN.

MRS. POMEROY'S REPORT.

The Girls' Home, now in its fifth year, has been wonderfully prospered, as we find new subscribers, and our donations have encouraged us to persevere, trusting in Him who careth for us. Our Heavenly Father has blessed us temporally and spiritually, and to His name be praise.

During the past year eleven of the girls have left, some to go to their friends, while others have gone into Christian families; and they report *well*, as they still cling to the right. Eight have been added; and the number present is twenty-two, their ages from six years up to sixteen.

In June they went to Mrs. Claflin's on their annual visit; and the 4th of July held a pic-nic under the trees; and on Thanksgiving, money was raised in the Newton-Centre cars for a dinner; also the Sabbath School at West Newton, and the Newton schools, sent in donations; while on Christmas, toys, with useful articles, ended a pleasant day.

The general deportment is better than any previous year; and our hearts are often cheered when conscience is aroused, after a falsehood or some unkindness shown, to see the tears of penitence, and a resolve not to have it repeated.

We feel greatly indebted to our large circle of friends who have done so much for us; and our thanks to Dr. Robinson for his kindness to us in sickness, also his generous spirit in giving a large part of his pay to the Home: to Mr. S. M. Jackson, for his invaluable services and advice; to Mr. G. Trowbridge, of Newton, for teaching the children to sing; to the Misses Valentine, for their piano, which affords us so much pleasure; also Mr. L. B. Gay, for an oil-cloth carpet.

To all of our friends we say, may Heaven's blessing rest upon you for aiding us in this great, good work. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year, Boys' Home	.	.	.	.	\$3.37	
" " " " Girls' Home	.	.	.	.	1,191.26	\$1,194.63
Income from Loring Fund	.	.	.	.	\$44.00	
" " Abigail Loring Fund	.	.	.	.	408.00	
" Waterston Fund	.	.	.	.	153.38	
" Joy Fund	.	.	.	.	123.61	
Interest earned on Loans	.	.	.	.	41.58	770.57

Boys' Home.

Donations	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,458.06
Subscriptions	.	.	.	.	.	2,165.00
Farm Produce sold	.	.	.	.	.	232.16
Received for Picking Hair, by Boys	.	.	.	.	.	53.67
						3,958.69

Girls' Home.

Donations	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,830.35
Subscriptions	.	.	.	.	.	1,049.00
						2,879.35
						<u>\$8,803.44</u>

EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses.

Salaries and Expenses of Agents in Boston	.	.	.	.	\$950.00	
Printing and Distributing Report	.	.	.	.	74.40	\$1,024.40

Boys' Home.

Salaries	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,100.90
Provisions	.	.	.	.	.	1,342.25
Clothing	.	.	.	.	.	266.11
Miscellaneous	.	.	.	.	.	1,005.32
Addition to House at Pine Farm	.	.	.	.	.	278.74
						3,993.32

Girls' Home.

Salaries	.	.	.	.	.	\$742.00
Provisions	.	.	.	.	.	776.78
Miscellaneous	.	.	.	.	.	1,623.11
Addition to House	.	.	.	.	.	174.48
						3,318.37
Balance on hand, — Girls' Home	.	.	.	.	.	\$753.24
Less Boys' Home (short)	.	.	.	.	.	285.89
						467.35
						<u>\$8,803.44</u>

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account, and found it correctly cast and duly vouched.

BOSTON, June 7, 1872.

EDWARD P. BOND, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIBERS TO BOYS' HOME.

F. Amory	\$25.00
George Atkinson	10.00
George M. Barnard	100.00
George Bemis	25.00
Seth Bemis	25.00
Martin Brimmer	25.00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20.00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50.00
J. I. Bowditch	20.00
Wm. S. Bullard	25.00
Henry Calender	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Brookline	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Jr.	20.00
Miss Sarah Cabot	5.00
W. C. Cabot	15.00
Mrs. E. Codman	10.00
Mrs. E. P. Curtis	10.00
James Freeman Clarke	10.00
J. H. Dane	5.00
Oliver Ditson	25.00
James Davis	10.00
Wm. Endicott, Jr.	100.00
George A. Goddard	25.00
Miss E. Q. Guild	5.00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10.00
R. C. Greenleaf	100.00
E. W. Hooper	25.00
Mrs. & Miss Hooper	100.00
Mrs. A. Hemenway	100.00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10.00
Chas. T. Hubbard	50.00
Miss E. A. Foster	25.00
Miss E. Jackson	10.00
Edward Jackson	10.00
H. P. Kidder	50.00
F. C. Lowell	50.00
Miss G. Lowell	50.00

John Lowell	\$10.00
John A. Lowell	10.00
C. W. Loring	30.00
Mrs. C. G. Loring	50.00
Theodore Lyman	20.00
R. C. MacKay	20.00
G. R. Minot	10.00
Mrs. S. T. Moree	25.00
Misses Newman	40.00
Wm. C. Peters	10.00
Mrs. F. C. Paine	25.00
John Parkman	20.00
Miss E. S. Quincy	5.00
T. D. Quincy	5.00
Rice, Kendall & Co.	5.00
John Rogers	10.00
Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20.00
M. S. Scudder	100.00
Henry Saltonstall	100.00
Benj. Sewall	50.00
Mrs. R. T. Paine, Jr.	50.00
Miss M. C. Stevenson	5.00
Mrs. J. Tolman	25.00
N. Thayer	100.00
Mrs. E. Vose	10.00
Misses Wigglesworth	50.00
T. Wigglesworth	20.00
C. E. Ware	15.00
R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Miss Wales	100.00
Edward Whitney	20.00
Mrs. W. S. Whitwell	10.00
Miss Young	5.00
Miss F. Young	5.00

 \$2,165.00

DONATIONS TO BOYS' HOME.

Gustavus Abbott	\$5.40	M. S. Scudder: repairs and addi-	
Mrs. Gorham Brooks	20.00	tions to Home	\$54.33
Wm. I. Bowditch	5.00	Misses May	50.00
Miss M. G. Chapman	5.00	Wm. Munro	10.00
Christmas (Mrs. Hemenway)	50.00	Israel Nash	5.00
Santa Claus	25.00	James Parker	25.00
Mrs. R. M. Cushing	5.00	Miss Pratt	100.00
Jonathan Ellis	10.00	Dr. L. B. Russel	5.00
G. B. Emerson	5.00	Mrs. J. H. Read	5.00
Mrs. N. Francis	100.00	Turner Sargent	25.00
A friend	5.00	Mrs. H. W. Sargent	5.00
Wm. B. Fowle	50.00	Wm. B. Spooner	10.00
Mrs. Frost, for Stove	10.00	Mrs. P. H. Sears	10.00
J. C. Gray	25.00	Truesdale	6.00
Mrs. George D. Howe	10.00	Mrs. E. S. Thomas	10.00
Miss M. Hooper	100.00	E. S. Tobey	5.00
H. H. Hunnewell	25.00	B. C. White	3.00
J. R. Hall	10.00	Mrs. J. H. Wolcott	50.00
A. Kingsbury	50.00	Mrs. E. H. Eldredge, for Boots	100.00
Mrs. J. E. Lodge	50.00	Estate Charles Sanders (through	
Henry Lee	10.00	Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, of	
Mrs. Linzee	5.00	Newton)	125.00
Mrs. G. W. Lyman	100.00	Grantville Sabbath School, through	
Macullar, Williams & Parker	100.00	G. Bradford, Esq.	20.00
F. C. Lowell: repairs and additions			
to Home	54.33		\$1,458.06

Dr. Slade, Chestnut Hill, Clothing, Rubber-Boots.
 Mr. C. T. Hubbard, Weston, Football.
 Mrs. Eldredge, West Newton, 30 Pairs Boots and Slippers.
 Mrs. J. F. C. Hyde, Newton Highlands, Pears.
 Mrs. Samuel Pratt, West Newton, Grapes, Turkey.
 Mrs. Rice, Auburndale, Pies, Mittens, Shoes, &c.
 Mrs. Eldredge, West Newton, 4 Turkeys, &c., &c.
 Mrs. J. D. Dix, West Newton, Pies and Apples.
 Primary Schools, West Newton, Pies.
 Master Welles Holmes, Newton, 4 Cans Peaches.
 Mr. Carroll, West Newton, 1 Box Oranges.
 Mrs. D. H. Mason, Newton Centre, 1 Bundle Clothing.
 Mrs. and Miss Murdock, Cambridgeport, 30 Handkerchiefs, &c., &c.
 Miss Gray, Cambridgeport, Neckties, Mittens, &c.
 Mrs. Clafin, Boston, 1 Case Shoes.
 Unitarian Society, West Newton, Books, Games, &c.
 Central Congregational Society, Newtonville, Cake.
 Mrs. Walker, Clothing and Buttons.
 Tract Society, 18 Bibles.
 Mrs. L. Valentine, West Newton, Books, &c.
 Congregational Sewing Circle, West Newton, Sheets, &c.
 Mrs. George Trowbridge, Newton, Slippers.
 Mr. G. Trowbridge and his Singing Class, 30 Singing Books.
 Mrs. P. C. Brooks, Boston, for providing Instruction in Singing through Mr. Joseph Bird.
 Mr. L. B. Gay, Oil-cloth Carpet.
 Mr. John McGee, Chelsea, Cooking-Stove.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS TO GIRLS' HOME.

H. S. Burdett	\$50.00	D. G. Rawson	\$10.00
Mrs. A. W. Beard	25.00	D. R. Emerson	5.00
Mrs. David Buck	5.00	F. L. Cutting	5.00
Augustus De Peyster	25.00	J. H. Silsbee	5.00
John H. Dane	15.00	F. G. Barnes	10.00
E. E. Floyd	25.00	John H. Robinson	5.00
Miss L. Floyd	5.00	Henry Fuller	5.00
Mrs. M. L. Hall	5.00	Chas. E. Billings	10.00
Mrs. W. F. Hall	10.00	E. P. Wright	10.00
Mrs. Thos. Howe	10.00	A. S. March	5.00
E. W. Hooper	25.00	J. J. Haley	10.00
Mrs. Turner Sargent	3.00	L. F. Warner	10.00
C. T. Hubbard	50.00	H. E. Barker	2.00
Miss E. Jackson	5.00	G. H. Quincy	10.00
F. C. Lowell	50.00	G. S. Harwood	10.00
George W. Merritt	25.00	H. M. Stimson	10.00
Henry Mason	25.00	J. N. Peabody	5.00
Mrs. J. P. Putnam	5.00	E. Jones	5.00
Benj. Sewall	50.00	W. J. Goodrich	5.00
N. Thayer	100.00	Nathan Moseman	5.00
Miss M. Tolman	5.00	Thomas S. Williams	15.00
Mrs. A. S. Young	5.00	Chas. W. Robinson	10.00
Mrs. C. V. Whitten	10.00	Chas. A. Sweet	10.00
Gardner Colby	50.00	Thomas Hall	10.00
Chas. Colby	20.00	J. Willard Rice	10.00
D. H. Mason	10.00	R. Estabrook	10.00
J. A. D. Gross	10.00	Chas. E. Ranlett	10.00
Gustavus Forbes	10.00	J. R. Burditt	10.00
E. Holman	2.00	Daniel Chamberlain	10.00
J. H. Hatch	9.00	John Worcester	10.00
Mrs. Nancy Parks	5.00	Mrs. Nancy Hills	2.00
J. F. Boyd (\$5.00 per month)	30.00	Mrs. H. L. Keyes	2.00
Thomas Weston, Jr.,	5.00	Mrs. R. M. Pulsifer	5.00
J. B. Goodrich	3.00	Mrs. G. Kimball	2.00
J. Q. Henry	5.00	Miss Crain	1.00
D. E. Snow	5.00	Mrs. S. A. Schoff	1.00
E. W. Converse	5.00	Miss Alice Hastings	1.00
N. P. Coburn	5.00	Mrs. Mary Clapp	1.00
L. E. Chase	10.00	Mrs. J. L. Smith	20.00
J. Sturgis Potter	10.00	T. H. Carter	10.00
G. D. Gilman	10.00		
John C. Chaffin,	20.00		
			\$1,049.00

DONATIONS TO GIRLS' HOME.

Wm. B. Fowle	\$50.00
Mrs. Carlton	10.00
Miss M. Hooper	100.00
Santa Claus	25.00
Henry Claflin	10.00
Mrs. S. E. Chadwick	3.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Edmands	50.00
H. M. Stimpson	3.50
Miss A. Cary	5.00
Miss Dunbar	5.00
Mrs. F. J. Hyde	5.00
Miss M. Hale	5.00
Mrs. Gould	5.00
Levi B. Gay	30.00
Mrs. L. Slade, Chestnut Hill	10.00
Estate of Charles Sanders (through Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, Newt'n)	125.00
Collected, through Mrs. Pomeroy, at Home	15.55
Collected in Newton-Centre Cars	50.00

Fair at Newton, Mrs. Claflin	\$6.00
" Little Girls'	2.00
" Dolls', H. A. Brown	36.41
Elliott Cong. Sab'th School	100.00
Baptist " Newt. Cent.	81.85
North Village " "	10.86
New Church " "	27.19
Chauncy Church " "	113.31
Methodist Church " "	65.00
Unitarian Frater'ty " "	21.00
Cent'l Congregat'l " "	15.00
Congregational " "	61.00
Oak-Hill " "	10.50
Newton Centre " "	56.00
Methodist " Newtonville	4.00
Congregational " West Newton	60.65
Congregational " Newton Cent.	20.00
Grace Church " "	38.53
	<hr/> \$1,830.35

Mr. David Palmer, Newton Centre, 5½ gallons
Vinegar.

Mr. Washburn, Newton, Books, Toys, &c.
Mrs. Bray, Newton Centre, Clothing.
Mr. S. N. Jackson, Newt. Cent., 1 bbl. Apples.
Mrs. Walker, Newtonville, 27 Hats.

Mrs. Dr. Slade, Chestnut Hill, Clothing.
Mrs. J. Robinson, Newton, Clothing.
Mrs. C. Richardson, Newt. Ct., Boots & Shoes.
Mrs. H. Hartt, Chelsea, 4 Prs. Double Sheets.
Mrs. Conne, Newton, Bundle Clothing.
Mr. Rice, Newton Centre, Bundle Clothing.
Mrs. W. W. Carruth, Nantasket Beach, Bread,
Ham, &c.

Mr. F. J. Hyde, Newt. Cent., Grapes & Pears.
Mrs. Ashton, Newt. Centre, 10 Books.
Mrs. Claflin, Newton Centre, Clothing.
Mrs. Gay, Newton Centre, Clothing.
Mrs. E. M. Johnson, Newton Centre, Clothing.
Mr. Ward, Newton Centre, 1 bbl. Turnips.
Miss Pulsifer, Clothing.

Mr. Washburn, Boys' Home, West Newton,
3 bbls. Potatoes, &c.

Mr. James White, Newton Cent., Vegetables.
Mrs. J. B. Wethurst, Newt. Cent., Vegetables.
Mrs. Worcester, Newtonville, Clothing.
Mrs. Converse, Newton, Hats and Clothing.
Mr. John Stearns, Newton, Potatoes, &c.
Mr. Coffin, Newton, 1 dozen Hens.

Mr. C. Hubbard, Boston, Clothing.
Mr. Robinson, Auburndale, 1 bbl. Potatoes.
Cong. & Methodist Sab'th Schools, Vegetables,
Boots and Clothing.

H. & E. Stone, Chestnut Hill, Donations.
Meth. Sabbath School, Newton, Upper Falls,
Clothing, Vegetables.

Misses Loring, Boston, Turkey, Pies and Pud-
dings.

Miss M. Shannon, Newton, two Turkeys and
Clothing.

Miss E. Jackson, Newton Centre, Cranberries
and Sweet Potatoes.

Baptist Society, Newton, Clothing, Fruit, &c.
Cong. Society, Newton, Clothing, Fruit, &c.
Mrs. J. W. Rice, Auburndale, Scarfs, Hose,
Mittens.

Mrs. Walworth, Newtonville, Butter.
Mr. E. M. Fowle, Newton Centre, 1 Box of
Oranges.

Elliott Church, Newton, Bread and Cake.
Newtonville New - Church Sewing Society,
Clothing.

Mr. Edwin Fowle, Newton Centre, 1 Box of
Oranges.

Misses Whitcom, Newton Centre, Books.

Mrs. Bush, Newtonville, Books.
Miss Stevens, Newtonville, Books.

Mrs. Bigelow, Newton, Sugar.
Mrs. Lord, Newton, Books.

Mrs. G. Kimball, Newton, Clothing.
Sewing Circle, Newton Upper Falls, Clothing.

Mrs. L. Slade, Chestnut Hill, Clothing.
Mrs. Walker, Newtonville, Box of Buttons.

First Baptist Society, Newton, Clothing.
Mrs. Munroe, Newton, DeLaine for Dresses.

Mrs. F. Edmands, Newton Centre, Clothing.
American Bible Society, Boston, 1 doz. Bibles.

Mrs. G. Colby, Newton Centre, Clothing.
Mrs. Converse, Newton, Clothing, Books and
Papers.

A friend, West Newton, Clothing.
Miss M. Henry, West Newton, Clothing.

A friend, Boston, Buttons.
Mrs. Coleman, Newton, Hats and Boots.

Mrs. Jackson, Newton, Boots.
Mrs. S. M. Jackson, Newton Centre, Clothing.

Mrs. Converse, Newton, Boots, Clothing, &c.
Mrs. Harwood, Newton, Clothing.

Mrs. Jones, Newton, Clothing.

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General Agent,

RUFUS R. COOK, 36 WOODBINE STREET, HIGHLAND DISTRICT.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Committee thankfully report a year of much success. Notwithstanding the loss which the Great Fire of November last brought upon us, as upon others, in the matter of insurance, our Treasurer is able, as you will see, to present an encouraging account of our Treasury, and our very moderate expenditures have brought us most abundant returns, first in our

HOME FOR BOYS AT PINE FARM.

Since this Home was opened it has received 214 boys. At the beginning of this year we numbered thirty. During the year nineteen have entered, six have gone to live on farms, eleven have returned to their homes, whilst four have left the farm without leave, and have not been returned. We number now twenty-seven, seventeen being of American, and ten of foreign parentage. Of illness requiring the aid of a physician, there has been none; but our friends Dr. Whitney and Dr. Edgerby, have laid us under obligation, the one by kindly setting a broken arm, and the other by pulling out some troublesome teeth. The year has been exceedingly peaceful, free from those changes and excitements which are as little to be desired in our large Home as in a private family. We are as successful as we have any right to expect to be. Of our 214 boys a few have turned out very badly, and some of them are at this time in penal institutions. Two of these, however, offered only the poorest material to work upon, and their moral poverty rather aroused our pity than our indignation. At the best we could reach in their cases only a little outward improvement. Others might have been saved but for the influences of the bad families to which we were compelled to return them.

These have been conspicuous and sad failures, and yet but for the Home the few would have been many. It is easy to read upon the faces of the boys, changing as time goes on, the record of the blessing which is wrought out through the faithful labors of our friends, for they are far more than officials, at Pine Farm, and although now and then the untrue and reckless and mischievous are found to be unchanged, so on the other hand, in course of two years, one of our worst boys has become one of our best, and we should feel as much confidence in predicting the future of our household as that of any other family of thirty. We do need exceedingly a Home for boys who leave us to work in the city, and require to be shielded against the evil that waits for them. All boys cannot and will not be tillers of the ground. Providence in our day will have great cities, and unless we would be found fighting against God we must care for the boys where many of them will be found as surely as "all the rivers run into the sea." It is sincerely hoped that the suggestions of our devoted missionary, Mr. Cook, with reference to this subject, may be carefully weighed, and that he may be encouraged to begin in his informal way, some preventive work of this kind; he should be enabled at all events, whilst his strength holds out, to guide some laborer into this promising path. Mr. Washburn will speak for himself with reference to the hay, the oats, and the corn, but we ought to say for him and his family, that their labors in other directions have been exceedingly satisfactory, and that we are more than content with the moral fruits of our Farm. Our Superintendent laments with reason the difficulty of keeping the boys employed in the winter, and is too good a farmer and too much of an economist to be content with our wretched, dilapidated, open barn. If we are to remain where we are for any considerable time, we ought to provide better accommodation for our beasts during our severe winters. But whilst he urges these much needed improvements, he adds, "it was very gratifying to me, when taking a boy to the town of Rowe this spring, to hear the remarks made about one whom I took there two years

since. It seems as if they could not say enough in his praise. The lady with whom he lives said that she did not believe he had spoken a naughty word since he had been with them. A letter which was received here a short time since from a boy who was with us nearly two years, and went to a good place this spring, contained the following sentence, — ‘I think Pine Farm the nicest place that ever was;’ and another says, — ‘I never shall forget dear old Pine Farm.’”

MISS BURNHAM

goes every day, except Sunday, to the boys who are confined in the Boston Jail, and makes three or four visits daily to their families, and on any other business connected with this work. She believes that great good is done by providing these young criminals with reading, but is in great need of books. Her address is 59 Harvard street, and she will gladly call on any who may be willing to replenish her library. Your Committee regard this part of their work as of great interest and importance.

MRS. CLAFLIN,

than whom no one is better informed upon the subject, reports upon the closing of the Home for Girls, and in submitting her statement, the Committee would only add that steps have been taken to learn and conform to the wishes of all those who contributed to the cost of opening this Home, and that they earnestly desire to direct the efforts which have been turned back in this way into some other channels. They would gratefully acknowledge the many kindnesses and services which the Home for Girls received from friends in Newton, and heartily pray that these friends may be prospered in their new work of charity. Says Mrs. Claflin,

THE GIRLS' HOME

connected with this Society, was opened six years ago, with strong hopes of reforming a class of young girls exposed to peculiar dangers. It was an experiment faithfully and earnest-

ly commenced and continued. The ladies most engaged in managing the details, look back with entire satisfaction upon the influence of the Home in securing the reformation of the girls. The Matron faithfully and skilfully discharged the duties of her position, but unlooked-for embarrassments have met us in our work; and five years of experience have convinced us that the Home could not be successfully continued on its present basis. That there are girls enough to fill many such homes, we do not for a moment doubt; but for reasons unknown to us, the proper subjects, as defined by the rules of the Society, were not brought to the Home in sufficient numbers to justify its continuance. Our want of authority to retain the children was another great obstacle to the success of the work. The dilapidated state of our buildings demanded new expenditure, and the foregoing considerations have brought us to the conclusion that such expenditure was not justifiable in the present circumstances.

Reluctantly, therefore, the Board to whom this work was committed, came to the conclusion that the Girls' Home must be abandoned.

Our agent, Mr. Rufus R. Cook, has carried on our work during the year with unremitting diligence, gathering and scattering our household, and watching over the boys during the dangerous months when they are thrown back amidst the old influences and temptations. We submit his report as follows:—

REPORT OF RUFUS R. COOK.

My work has been continued through another year in our Courts and Prisons without interruption, except a few days by illness.

I have made 378 visits to the Jail, distributing 18,740 religious tracts and papers. I have also made 54 visits to the school at West Newton, and have attended through 352 sessions of the Municipal and Superior Courts, where persons of both sexes, and of all ages, and from all classes of society, are arraigned daily for trial, — so easily does fallen human nature yield to the power of temptation unless fortified by grace. I have bailed during the year, 432 persons, there-

by saving them from punishment for a season, and giving them opportunity to lead a better life; many of them have improved it and are restored to a creditable position in society.

In connection with our work for the boys, it seems to me desirable that our Home in West Newton should be supplemented by a Home in Boston, where similar moral and restraining influences may be continually thrown around those of them who come back to the city for employment. They are not all calculated to be farmers, and some of them would succeed better in other work. But they are weak, and need to be upheld by a systematic religious home influence, stronger than their friends can give.

One boy who was in our Home over two years, has lately been sentenced to the House of Correction for two years. After he had gone there, his sister called on me, and remarked, "We have all petted C. until we have spoiled him. We did not like to see him carrying around baskets of goods from the grocers where he was employed, and so mother told him that he needn't work until he could get a place more congenial." But in his desire for money he appropriated goods falsely, and has found a home, as stated above.

J. S. was a motherless boy who was with us two years. His father for want of a better place, took him into a common boarding house with himself in the city. Thus exposed, he stole over one hundred dollars worth from the house, and disappeared. His father told me lately, that he has not heard from him since, and knows not where he is.

Two other boys, for whom places were obtained in the country until they were sixteen years of age, having come to that period, appeared one day at my house. They had been looking for work, but were homeless. I gave them a good dinner and such advice as I thought they most needed, but I felt the necessity for them of something more than this. The best situation they could get paid them but three dollars per week, and it took more than this for their board. Can we wonder that under these circumstances they easily become a prey to temptation?

Three others for whom we have obtained places in the country during the year, have, after a few months of farming, found their way again to the city. What shall be done with them next? Have we reached the limits of obligation, or can anything further be done if peradventure they may be saved from evil courses? But there is a brighter side in our work; many of the boys retain their places in the country, and are doing well, as their pleasant letters testify.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

By balance from last year, Girls' Home	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$752.24	
" less short on Boys' Home	.	.	.	.	.	.	284.89	
								\$467.35
Income from Loring Fund	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$44.00	
" Abigail Loring Fund	.	.	.	.	.	.	408.00	
" Joy Fund	.	.	.	.	.	.	250.00	
" Waterston Fund	.	.	.	.	.	.	156.00	
" Donnison Fund	.	.	.	.	.	.	65.00	
								923.00

Boys' Home.

Donations	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,612.25	
Subscriptions	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,180.00	
Boys earned by Picking Hair	.	.	.	.	.	.	25.80	
Farm Produce sold	.	.	.	.	.	.	445.93	
Other sources	.	.	.	.	.	.	20.00	
								4,283.98
Girls' Home, borrowed until Estate is sold.	.	.	.	.	.	.		347.96
								<u>\$6,022.29</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Reports printed and distributed	.	.	.	.	.	\$67.50	
Salaries in Boston, &c.	.	.	.	.	.	960.00	
							\$1,027.50
Girls' Home	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,100.20

Boys' Home.

Salaries at Pine Farm	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,216.50	
Provisions	.	.	.	.	.	1,264.00	
Clothing	.	.	.	.	.	171.95	
Insurance	.	.	.	.	.	215.00	
Miscellaneous	.	.	.	.	.	1,024.65	
							\$3,892.10
Balance Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	.	2.49	
							<u>\$6,022.29</u>

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast, and, subsequent to Nov. 9th, the date of the great fire, duly vouched.

EDWARD P. BOND, *Auditor.*

Boston, June 5th, 1873.

SUBSCRIBERS TO BOYS' HOME.

F. Amory	\$25.00	F. C. Lowell	\$50.00
George Atkinson	10.00	Miss G. Lowell	50.00
George M. Barnard	100.00	John Lowell	10.00
George Bemis	25.00	John A. Lowell	10.00
Seth Bemis	25.00	C. W. Loring	20.00
Martin Brimmer	25.00	Mrs. C. G. Loring	50.00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20.00	R. C. Mackay	20.00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50.00	Mrs. S. T. Morse	25.00
J. I. Bowditch	20.00	Miss Newman	20.00
Wm. S. Bullard	25.00	Wm. C. Peters	10.00
Henry Callender	10.00	Mrs. F. C. Paine	25.00
Mrs. S. Cabot	10.00	John Parkman	20.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Jr.	20.00	Miss E. S. Quincy	5.00
Miss Sarah Cabot	5.00	T. D. Quincy	5.00
W. C. Cabot	10.00	John Rogers	10.00
Mrs. E. Codman	10.00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20.00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10.00	M. S. Scudder	100.00
James Freeman Clarke	10.00	Henry Saltonstall	100.00
J. H. Dane	5.00	Benj. Sewall	50.00
Oliver Ditson	25.00	Mrs. R. T. Paine, Jr.	50.00
James Davis	10.00	Miss M. C. Stevenson	5.00
Wm. Endicott, Jr.	100.00	Mrs. Stevenson	5.00
George A. Goddard	25.00	Mrs. J. Tolman	25.00
Miss E. Q. Guild	5.00	N. Thayer	100.00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10.00	Mrs. E. Vose	10.00
R. C. Greenleaf	100.00	Misses Wigglesworth	50.00
E. W. Hooper	50.00	Thomas Wigglesworth	20.00
Mrs. S. Hooper	50.00	C. E. Ware	15.00
Mrs. A. Hemenway	100.00	R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10.00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Chas. T. Hubbard	50.00	Miss Wales	200.00
Miss E. A. Foster	25.00	Edward Whitney	20.00
Miss E. Jackson	10.00	Mrs. W. S. Whitwell	10.00
Edward Jackson	10.00	Miss Young	5.00
Mrs. S. C. Jackson	10.00		
H. P. Kidder	50.00		\$2,180.00

DONATIONS TO BOYS' HOME.

Mrs. Gorham Brooks	\$20.00	Israel Nash	\$5.00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks	10.00	James Parker	10.00
Wm. I. Bowditch	5.00	Miss Pratt	50.00
Miss M. G. Chapman	5.00	Dr. L. B. Russell	5.00
Mrs. R. M. Cushing	5.00	Mrs. A. T. Perkins	5.00
Henry R. Dalton	25.00	Mrs. J. H. Reed	5.00
Jonathan Ellis	10.00	S. W. Swett	50.00
George B. Emerson	15.00	Mrs. H. W. Sargent	5.00
Mrs. N. Francis	100.00	Wm. B. Spooner	5.00
A Friend	5.00	Mrs. P. H. Sears	10.00
John C. Gray	5.00	E. S. Toby	5.00
George Gardner	10.00	B. C. White	3.00
Mrs. George D. Howe	10.00	Mrs. J. H. Wolcott	50.00
H. H. Hunnewell	25.00	Mrs. E. H. Eldredge	100.00
J. R. Hall	10.00	Estate Chas. Sanders (through Leverett	
Mrs. J. W. James	30.00	Saltonstall, of Newton)	250.00
Mrs. J. E. Lodge	50.00	Newton Charity Square Fair, through	
Henry Lee	10.00	Mrs. Wm. Claffin	500.00
Mrs. Linzee	5.00	Grantville Sabbath School	25.00
Mrs. G. W. Lyman	50.00	Eliot Sabbath School	14.25
Wm. Munro	10.00		
Misses May	100.00		\$1,612.25

Mrs. L. Slade, of Chestnut Hill, \$20 for excursion to the Beach; also Clothing, Books and Picture.

A Friend, \$5.

West Newton Congregational Sabbath School, Cake.

Miss Shannon, Pears and Apples.

Mr. C. Hubbard, Grapes and Grape Vines.

Grant & Wilson, Battalion Pilot Bread.

Mrs. E. H. Eldredge, West Newton, \$100, for Carriage, Shoes and Slippers; also, lot of Cider Apples for Vinegar.

Mrs. J. Coleman, Oil Cloth for Hall.

Charity Square Fair, Cake.

Mrs. Valentine, New York, Books and Pictures.

Mr. C. Robinson, West Newton, Barrel of Apples and Barrel of Vegetables.

Mr. Hinkley, 1 Barrel Apples.

A Friend, Magic Lantern, 3 Books.

Children's Sewing Circle, Handkerchiefs and Towels.

Eliot Sabbath School, Candy.

Mrs. D. Dix, West Newton, Pies.

Mrs. Mitchell, West Newton, Clothing.

Mrs. H. Ball, West Newton, Clothing.

Dr. Slade, Toys, Books and Clothing.

Mr. S. L. Pratt, Lot of Vegetables; also, Maple Shade Trees.

Congregational Society, Newtonville, Cake.

Mr. Arthur Carroll, Box Oranges.

Unitarian Fraternity, Cake, &c.

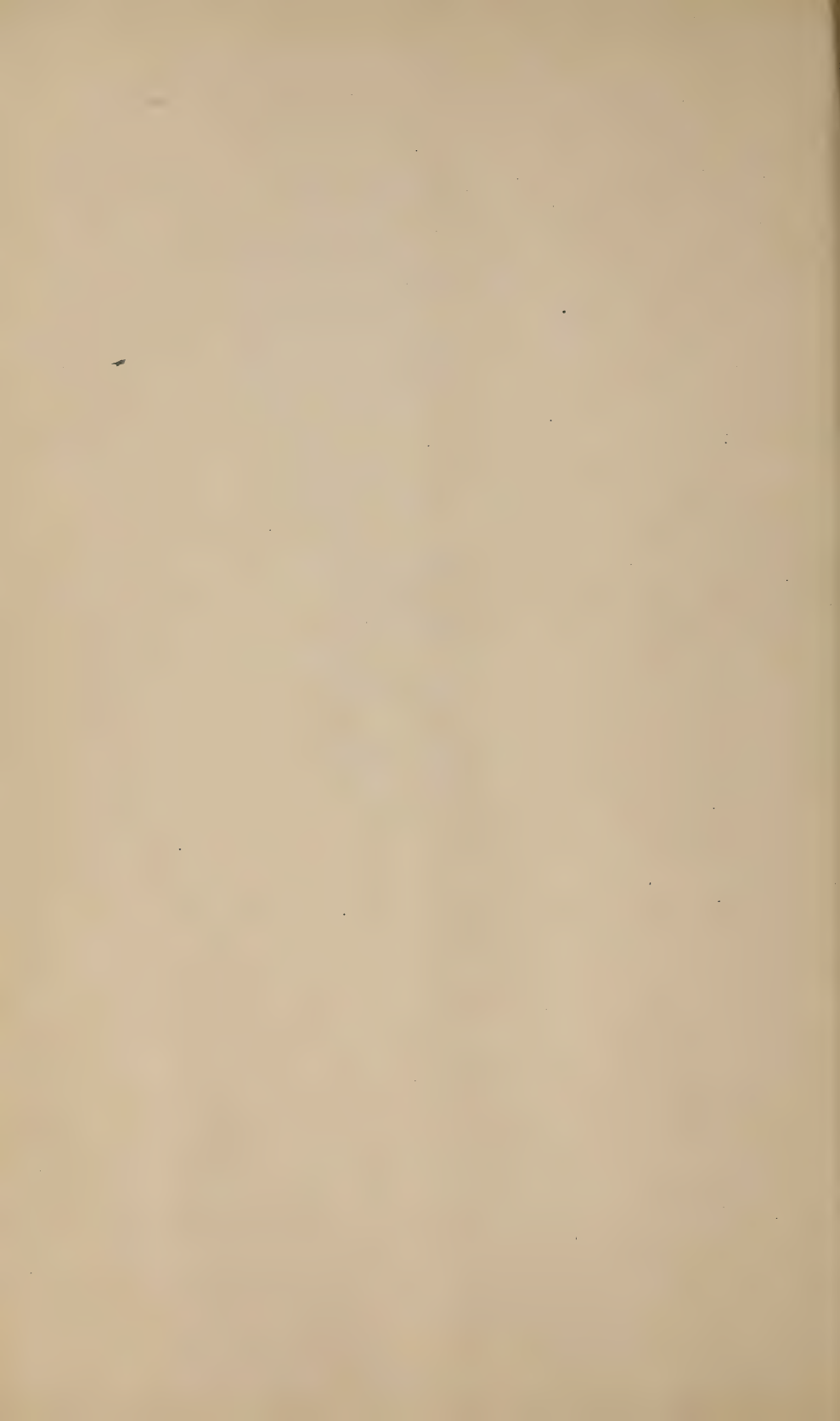
Miss M. Murdock, Cambridge, Mittens.

Miss Grey, Cambridge, Mittens.

Mr. Benj. Sewall, Swing Rope.

Mr. G. Frost, Asparagus.

We were kindly entertained at the following places: — Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hubbard's, Weston, at the Picnic of the Congregational Sabbath School, in Framingham; Mrs. Eldredge's, West Newton; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick's, West Newton; Mr. & Mrs. Day Dix's, West Newton; also, enjoyed a pleasant excursion to the Beach, through the liberality of Mrs. Dr. Slade, and the B. & A. R. R. Company.



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April, MR. BOND.
May, MR. ELLIS, MRS. PAINE.

General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK, 36 WOODBINE STREET, HIGHLAND DISTRICT.

REPORT.

THE year just passed has been an uneventful one in the history of our Society and its work. The boys at Pine Farm have enjoyed good health, and each successive month the visiting Directors have reported their satisfaction with the good order, the cheerfulness and the purity of the whole household.

There were twenty-seven boys at the Home at the date of the last Report; eighteen have been received during the year, seventeen have left, and our present number is twenty-eight. Three of those who have left were sent to places procured for them in the country; two, being found to be unfit subjects for our institution, were returned to their homes; five others have gone back to their parents with the consent of the Managers, and seven have left the home without leave, and have not been received back. This number of runaways seems large, and is, indeed, larger than in any previous year. It is, of course, a source of regret and disappointment when boys leave the Home in this way, yet it must always be more or less so. Our children are largely drawn from what has been well styled the "Street Arab" class, — boys who have never known a home, and in whom the vagrant spirit was inborn and has been fostered by every circumstance. They leave us not because of any hardships of their situation, not often because of any difficulty with Superintendent or teacher, but from sudden, uncontrollable impulse, and the contagion of example. Our experience is not a singular one in this respect. It has been found in other similar institutions, as in ours, that those were most likely to run from the Home who had no other home to

run to. When this disposition shows itself incorrigible we must let the boys go, for if we are to hold them by bolts and bars we shall no longer have a home but a prison. The family principle is at the foundation of our whole work. Ten years' experience has strengthened our faith in it, and we would be glad to see other homes established upon the same principle. The need of such institutions is greater than ever now that the character of the State Reform School has been changed by the sale of the school-ships, and the commitment to the Westborough School of the older and more hardened youths, who were formerly provided for on the ships. Such youth must exert a bad influence upon the younger boys, many of whom belong rather to the exposed than the vicious class. It is the part of wise economy, as well as of true philanthropy, for the community to save such, by such simple, inexpensive means as our experiment suggests.

A kind friend, to whom we have been often indebted before, kindly offered to pay the expense of musical instruction for the boys the past year. The gift has been doubly blessed to us through our good fortune in securing the services, as a teacher, of Mr. Geo. S. Trowbridge. Our thanks are due to him for the enthusiasm and kindness with which he has carried on the work. He has awakened a like ardor in the boys. It has been a pleasure to watch their happy, interested faces, as they have followed his teachings. It would be impossible to estimate the value of Mr. Trowbridge's services, for music has always been a source not of pleasure only but of healthiest moral influence to the boys.

Under Mr. Trowbridge's direction, and assisted by Mr. William Barker and the children of the West Newton public schools, a concert was given in April, in the Newton City Hall, for the benefit of the Home. This was afterwards repeated in Brookline; in each case netting quite a handsome sum for the treasury of the Society.

Mr. Trowbridge has also interested himself to have the boys learn to print. In this he has been heartily seconded by

Mr. S. O. Thayer. A small press and type have been procured, and under Mr Thayer's instructions one of the boys has already learned to print the songs for the boys' use.

As in years past, kind friends have done much for the entertainment and comfort of the boys. In this connection Mr. Washburne reports as follows: "Through the liberality of Dr. Slade, of Chestnut-Hill, and friends at West Newton, we all enjoyed a very pleasant excursion down the harbor. We were also sent for to enjoy our annual visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hubbard, who, as usual, spared no pains to make the day a happy one. We were again invited to spend a day with Mr. and Mrs. Day Dix, who, with other invited friends, used every means to make the time pass pleasantly." In the Appendix to the Report will be found a list of other gifts acknowledged by the Superintendent.

Mr. Washburne has been quite unwell during a part of the year, though we trust his health is now improving. The Directors will gladly make any arrangement that shall promote his recovery. They would deem it a serious calamity to be deprived of his services and influence.

Mr. Washburne's report of the products of the farm will be found elsewhere.

We still need very much some good steady employment for the boys in the winter.

The general introduction of machinery and power, and through subdivision of labor in every department of mechanics, are each year reducing the circle of employments that can be carried on in the household.

Miss Burnham has continued during the past year her work at the jail, visiting it every afternoon and making the acquaintance of the boys who are so unfortunate as to find their way there, supplying them with books, and in every possible way acting as their friend. She seeks out their families and tries to ascertain the causes which have led them into bad ways, and to help them when they can be helped. She is thus able to act the part of a wise friend to many besides those who are from

day to day confined in the jail. She does not now devote her whole time to the service of the Children's Aid Society, part of it being given to other work of a similar nature, but we do not feel that our work has suffered, as besides her daily visit at the jail she averages three calls a day on families outside. She finds it very difficult to obtain a sufficient number of books to supply the boys in jail with reading. She will be most grateful for any gifts of books suited to boys of any age, and if persons having such books will kindly send her a note, addressed to her at 59 Harvard Street, she will most gladly call for them.

Mr. Cook has continued his work as our Agent in the Courts and elsewhere with undiminished earnestness and self-devotion. For the details of his labors we refer to his Report which will be appended.

RUFUS R. COOK'S REPORT.

My work in our Courts and prisons through another year, though laborious and trying, brings but little that is new. It is the same old experience from day to day, though the number of persons I find there seems on the increase.

I have taken more persons on probation this year than last, and I am happy to say, with encouraging results, eighty-five per cent of them we consider doing well.

The Reports of our various penal institutions show that larger numbers are sentenced than formerly. Our House of Correction is full, so that we are obliged to send them now out of the county; there are more at the Island than can be comfortably accommodated; while at the State Prison in Charlestown there are over seven hundred. With all of these I have opportunity to converse while under arrest and awaiting trial and sentence. With such an experience, I ever turn with earnest hope and fresh interest to our efforts for the "little ones" gathered at West Newton, whom I have visited as often

as necessary, or whenever my presence would afford aid or encouragement.

The labor done there seems like applying the "ounce of prevention." We must not hurry them away, but take time for the "good seed" to be sown and take root before we transplant them in other families, *where they will receive less care.*

I still feel the importance of having a Home in the city for those of our boys who return to it, as was suggested in last year's Report.

MR. WASHBURNE'S REPORT.

We were very kindly entertained at the following places:

Through the liberality of Dr. Slade and friends at West Newton, we all enjoyed a very pleasant excursion down the harbor.

We were also sent for to enjoy our annual visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hubbard, who, as usual, spared no pains to make the day a happy one.

We were next invited to spend the afternoon with Mrs. E. T. Eldridge, where the boys gathered a supply of chestnuts and were otherwise entertained. She also kindly offered to pay for the services of a teacher to learn the boys to sing. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Geo. S. Trowbridge, who has been untiring in his efforts to aid us in every possible way, it being his idea in learning the boys to do printing, which I think will be a lasting benefit to the Home. The boys are always glad to welcome him, and take pleasure in learning to sing.

We were again invited to spend an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Day Dix and family, who, with other invited friends, used every means to have the time pass pleasantly. Thus showing that we are not forgotten, and we ought to feel encouraged when we see others so ready to help us on in our work.

DONATIONS AT THE HOME.

June. — Mrs. Curtis, Clothing; Mrs. Eager, Clothing; Primary School, West Newton, Cake, Sandwiches, &c.; Baptist Society, Newton Centre, Ham, Bread, Cake, etc.; Auburndale Picnic, Cake, Sandwiches, etc.; Congregational Sunday School, Newton Centre, Cake, Sandwiches, etc.

July. — Dr. Slade, Chestnut Hill, Clothing, also, Twenty Dollars for Excursion down the Harbor; Friends at West Newton, Eleven Dollars for same purpose; Mrs. Robert Lee, Brookline, Clothing.

September. — Murdock & Bacon, Neckties; Mr. David Howland, West Newton, Pears; Mr. Galen Merriam, West Newton, Pears; Mr. Chas. Hubbard, Weston, Five Bushels Grapes.

November. — Miss Mary Shannon, One Turkey.

December. — Children's Sewing Circle, West Newton, Handkerchiefs; Mrs. Asa Murdock, Cambridge, Pin Balls.

January. — Field & Allen, Boston, One Side Sole Leather.

April. — C. S. Pulsifer, Newtonville, Cake; Mr. Henry Ball, West Newton, Clothing and Hats; Master Hubbard Weston, a Turning Lathe and Tools.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM FOR THE YEAR 1873.

Hay, about	9 tons.
Oat Fodder	2 "
Corn	2 "
Peas	8 bushels.
Tomatoes	16 "
Green Beans	12 "
Dry Beans	3 "
Onions	14 "
Potatoes	108 "
Mangel Wurzel	32 "
Beets	36 "
Ruta Baga	41 "
Flat Turnips	130 "
Carrots	12 "
Sweet Corn, on ear	60 "
Squashes	9 barrels.
Apples	6 "
Butchered Pork	815 pounds.
Butchered Beef	556 "
Butter made	273 "

PRODUCE SOLD.

Pork, Lard and Hide	\$45.30
2 Pigs	10.00
Eggs and Poultry	37.64
Fruit	17.76
Vegetables	33.82
Hay	79.34
Butter	12.20
Boys' Labor	112.93

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 3, 1873		\$ 2.49
Income from Loring Fund	\$44.00	
“ “ Abigail Loring Fund	408.00	
“ “ Joy Fund	250.00	
“ “ Waterston Fund	156.00	
“ “ Donnison Fund	70.00	
	<u>928.00</u>	
Subscriptions	2,115.00	
Donations	904.05	
Farm Produce sold	249.30	
Boys' Labor in Picking Hair	112.93	
From other sources	39.60	
	<u>3,420.88</u>	
		<u>\$4,351.37</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and Distributing Reports	\$66.75	
Salaries in Boston	750.00	
	<u>\$816.75</u>	
Salaries at Pine Farm	1,108.00	
Provisions	1,011.04	
Clothing	90.36	
Annuity to Sophia B. Fales, payable from Joy Fund Income	150.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,035.35	
	<u>3,394.75</u>	
Balance on hand June 3, 1874	139.87	
		<u>\$4,351.37</u>

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, June 5, 1874.

I have examined the foregoing account, and found it correctly cast and duly vouched.

EDWARD P. BOND, *Auditor.*

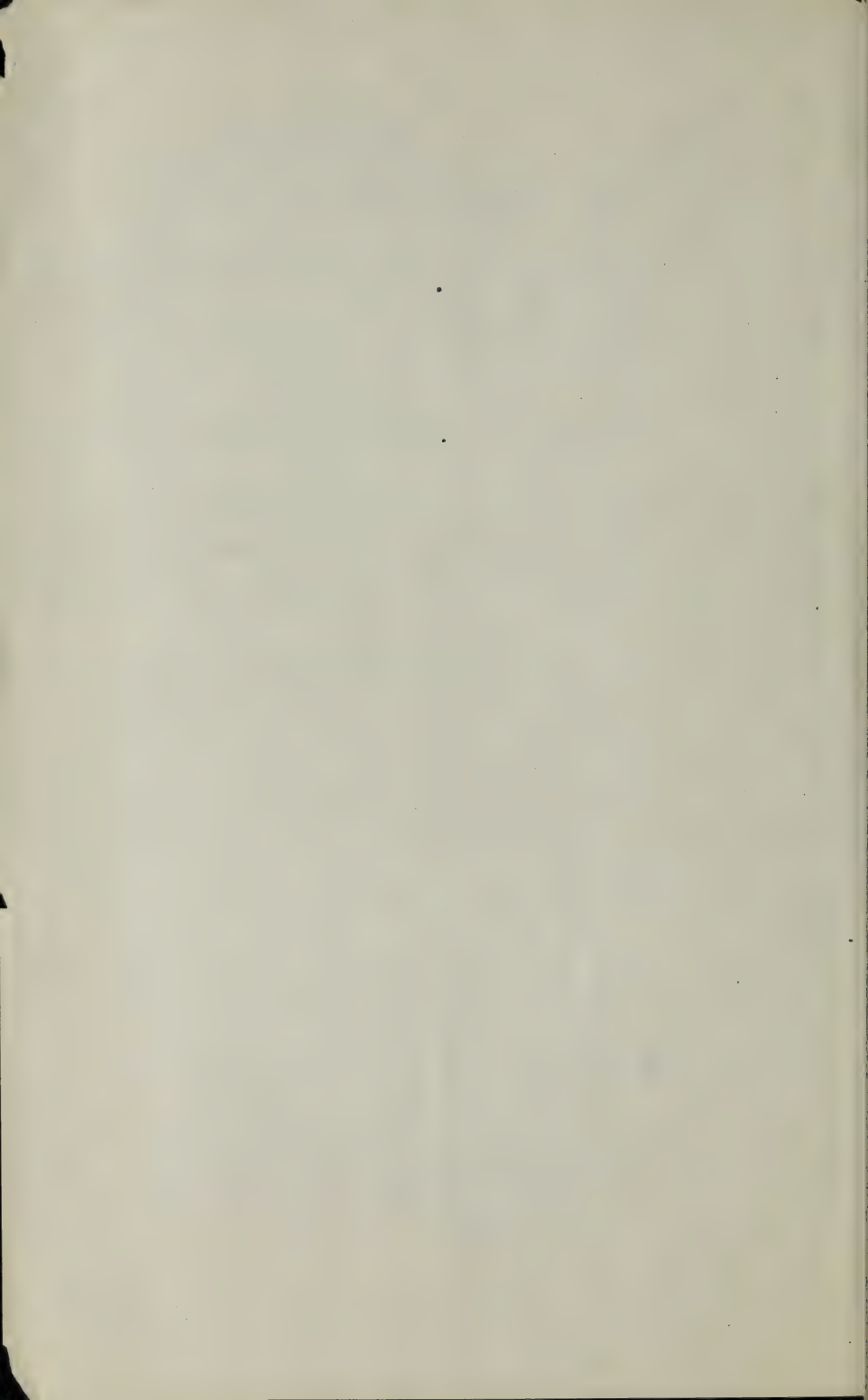
May 10th James Goltbusst was
taken home by his Mother
she having obtained a place
for him to work. He had
been here 2^{1/2} yrs.

May 24th Lewis Sawyer, left
to live with Mrs Locke in
Franklin.

May 21st ~~George & Taylor~~
Walter & George

Entered.

May 21st Herbert & V Reynolds



SUBSCRIPTIONS.

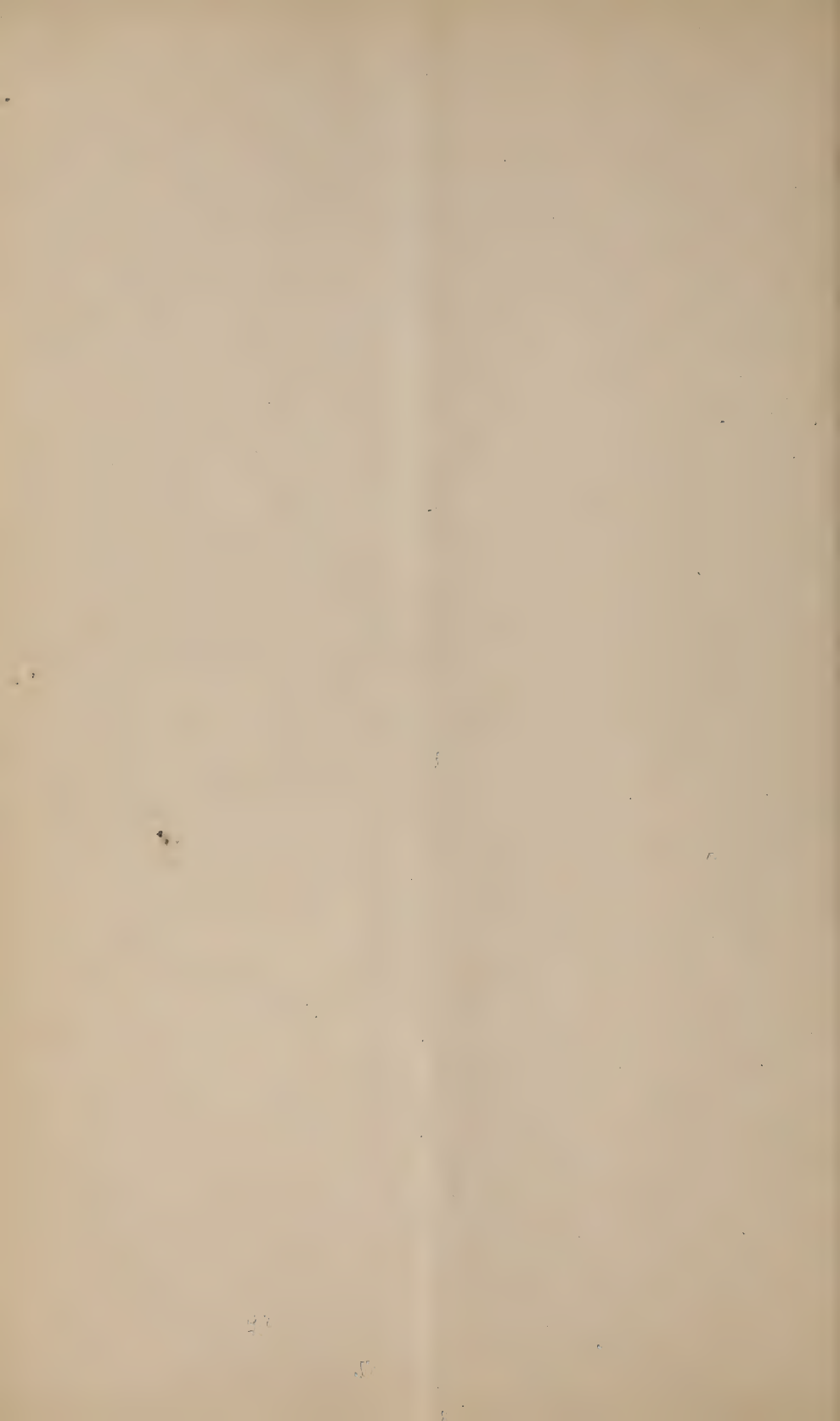
F. Amory	\$25.00
George Atkinson	10.00
George M. Barnard	100.00
George Bemis	25.00
Seth Bemis	25.00
Martin Brimmer	25.00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20.00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50.00
J. I. Bowditch	20.00
Wm. S. Bullard	25.00
Henry Callender	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Brookline	10.00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Jr.	20.00
Miss Sarah Cabot	5.00
W. C. Cabot	15.00
Mrs. E. Codman	10.00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10.00
James Freeman Clarke	20.00
J. H. Dane	5.00
Oliver Ditson	25.00
James Davis	10.00
Wm. Endicott, Jr.	100.00
George A. Goddard	25.00
Miss E. Q. Guild	5.00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10.00
R. C. Greenleaf	100.00
E. W. Hooper	50.00
Mrs. A. Hemenway	100.00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10.00
Chas. T. Hubbard	50.00
Miss E. A. Foster	25.00
Miss E. Jackson	10.00
Edward Jackson	10.00
Mrs. S. C. Jackson	10.00
H. P. Kidder	50.00

F. C. Lowell	\$50.00
John Lowell	10.00
John A. Lowell	20.00
C. W. Loring	20.00
Mrs. C. G. Loring	50.00
Theodore Lyman	20.00
R. C. Mackay	10.00
G. R. Minot	10.00
Mrs. S. T. Morse	25.00
Mrs. Newman	20.00
Wm. C. Peters	5.00
Mrs. F. C. Paine	25.00
Mrs. R. T. Paine, Jr.	50.00
John Parkman	20.00
Miss E. S. Quincy	5.00
T. D. Quincy	5.00
Rice, Kendall & Co.	5.00
John Rogers	10.00
Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20.00
M. S. Scudder	100.00
Henry Saltonstall	100.00
Benj. Sewall	50.00
Miss M. C. Stevenson	5.00
Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	5.00
Mrs. J. Tolman	25.00
N. Thayer	100.00
Mrs. E. Vose	10.00
Misses Wigglesworth	50.00
Thos. Wigglesworth	20.00
C. E. Ware	15.00
R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	5.00
Miss Wales	200.00
Edward Whitney	20.00
Miss Young	5.00

\$2,115.00

DONATIONS.

Mrs. P. C. Brooks	\$10.00
Wm. I. Bowditch	5.00
Miss M. G. Chapman	5.00
Jonathan Ellis	10.00
George B. Emerson	2.00
A Friend	5.00
George Gardner	10.00
Mrs. George D. Howe	5.00
H. H. Hunnewell	10.00
Mrs. J. E. Lodge	5.00
Henry Lee	10.00
Miss G. Lowell	50.00
Wm. Munro	5.00
Mrs. Murdock	10.00
James Parker	5.00
Dr. L. B. Russell	5.00
Mrs. H. W. Sargent	5.00
Miss Shannon	10.00
Mrs. Turner Sargent	10.00
Mrs. P. H. Sears	5.00
S. O. Thayer	8.00
E. S. Tobey	5.00
B. C. White	5.00
Estate, Chas. Sanders	250.00
Benevolent Fund, Miss Susan Cabot	100.00
Mrs. Hemenway (Christmas)	50.00
Mrs. C. G. Loring	5.00
E. W. Hooper	10.00
Miss G. Lowell	5.00
Proceeds of Concert at Newton, through Geo. S. Trowbridge	200.00
“ “ “ “ Brookline, C. W. Scudder	84.05
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	\$904.05



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General Agent,

RUFUS R. COOK, 36 WOODBINE STREET, HIGHLAND DISTRICT.

REPORT.

THE story of our Society for the current year may be told in a few words, and for the most part by those whose hearts and hands are directly occupied with our work. We are still trying to reach evil in its beginnings, to use the axe which was long ago laid at the root of the tree, and to answer the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation." Our methods and agents are the same as at first. If possible, we keep the children out of jail. Failing in this, our missionary, Miss Burnham, by her visits to the young prisoners seeks to make their return to confinement less likely, and to provide a better state of things in their homes against their return. She reports a daily visit to the jail, with three calls a day upon an average, to meet the various wants of the children, and her greatest need is a larger supply of books for young readers. The importance of the work which Miss Burnham is doing cannot be overstated.

As to the Home at West Newton we do not see how it could be improved, except, perhaps, by enlarging a little its very humble stock of outward appliances. As it is, a very little goes a very great way. We doubt whether our economy can anywhere be matched, at least in this land of extravagance. We have all the simplicity of the famous *Rauke Haus*, and yet our wants are all met, and the health of the boys is amply provided for. The children enjoy all the freedom which is compatible with a sufficient discipline, and are well prepared to be of service on the farm and in the work shop. The multiplication of

just such informal and almost extemporized Homes is greatly to be desired, and inasmuch as, spite of all that can be done to prevent it, the boys, like the men, will flock to the large centres, we should be devising some means for their moral protection, precisely where they will be most exposed. There is room here to speak of the great harm done to the children who cannot go out of town in the summer by the long school vacation—harm which is not in the least offset by a day's pic-nic.

We have received, as will appear from the report of Mr. Washburne, as in past years, so in this, most valuable assistance from Mr. Trowbridge in the musical education of the children. Their singing goes forward with much enthusiasm, and, as we believe, to their great spiritual and moral good. It is worthy of special mention that our boys religiously abstain from appropriating any of the fruit from our trees; they have learned well the lesson that only by waiting to the harvest can each receive his proper share. The health of our children is something to thank God for with an especial feeling of gratitude, and is an excellent testimony to the care with which they have been watched over and provided for. In our eleven or twelve years we have received two hundred and fifty boys, and yet thus far we have had no death in our Home.

Miss Burnham reports monthly to the Executive Committee, and gives entire satisfaction in her especial branch of service.

RUFUS R. COOK'S REPORT.

Mr. R. R. Cook, our indefatigable agent and missionary, writes:—

There has been so little change in the character of my work in connection with our courts and prisons, that attempting any report of it seems but a repetition of the past work of other years, with which the public are already familiar.

What I have done in connexion with the Boys' Home at West Newton, and as the Agent of the Society, amounts to but little statistically, and is already covered by the reports of others, viz. : How many have been taken to the Home, and how many have gone from it, etc. But the labor and travail put forth in each case to reach and rescue them from evil influences and transplant them amid better ones, are not so easily portrayed ; nor is it necessary. If in each case a child is saved—saved to itself, saved to society, to act well its part therein, and saved to its Creator and his service, then who can estimate the work done, or who would cease to labor, however arduously, seeking such results ? “ Let us not be weary in well-doing.”

MR. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

The health of the boys during the past year has been generally good : one case of inflammatory rheumatism was the only severe sickness. We think the year has been one of marked improvement in many of the boys. Our number was thirty at the beginning of the year ; nineteen have left ; ten have gone to places ; nine have returned to their homes, three without permission ; twenty-two have been received during the year. We would again thank the many friends who have aided us in our work by word and deed.

Mrs. Eldredge still secures for us the services of Mr. George S. Trowbridge, whose weekly visits are hailed with pleasure. The interest he has shown, and the untiring energy he has used for the welfare of the Home have been a great encouragement to us, and call for our warmest thanks. Dr. Whitney has kindly given his services whenever required. We would also thank those friends who, by repeating their annual invitations, have broken in upon the monotony of our life by a season of recreation. Mr. Charles Hubbard and family have the happy faculty of contributing as much pleasure in one day as it is possible to enjoy. Mr. Trowbridge and friends invited us to spend the afternoon in sailing upon Charles River, which was much enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Patrick invited us, with the Sabbath-school

teachers of the boys, to spend a social evening at his residence, all of which are bright spots in the memory of these boys ; and last, but not least, the Childrens' Sewing Circle, of West Newton, have shown their interest in doing for others by contributing of their time and talents to our necessities.

Our printing operations have been rather limited, owing to the very small press we have, still I can say that they have been of use. I feel confident that with an outlay of \$300, printing might become good employment for some of the boys, and, I think, a source of profit. Mrs. Claffin had \$50 given her to be used for that purpose, and the Childrens' Sewing Circle desire to have their money applied to the same purpose. Mr. Thayer has offered to give any assistance we may need if his health will admit of it. If any one would like to contribute \$200, or any part of it, I think we could use it to a good purpose.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM FOR THE YEAR 1874.

Hay, about	9 tons.
Oat Fodder,	3 "
Corn Fodder,	2½ "
Sweet Corn in the ear,	70 bushels.
Shell Beans,	8 "
Tomatoes,	15 "
Peas,	12 "
Potatoes,	125 "
Mangel Wurzel,	66 "
Ruta Baga,	32 "
Carrots,	39 "
Beets,	12 "
Flat Turnips,	20 "
Onions,	21 "
Dry Bears,	2½ "
Pears,	6 "
Peaches,	20 "
Strawberries,	175 boxes.
Apples,	20 barrels.
Squashes,	8 "
Butchered Pork,	2602 pounds.
Butchered Beef,	506 "
Butter made,	305 "

PRODUCE SOLD.

Pork,	\$242 80
Beef,	48 09
Butter,	32 43
Vegetables,	26 69
Fruit,	48 38
Poultry and Eggs,	19 25
Boys' Labor,	64 77

The products of the farm equal that of previous years. We raised more pork and, I think, at a profit. Owing to the very severe winter we lost many potatoes and other vegetables—I think \$50 worth at least—that I could have sold. In consequence of having fowls stolen last season our sales of poultry and eggs were much reduced. We built last season, with four days' assistance of a carpenter, a building for a tool and store house, which we find very useful and convenient, and often wish we could obtain a new barn in the same way, as it is very much needed.

DONATIONS TO THE HOME.

The following donations have been made to the Home during the year :

June.—Mrs. Curtis, Clothing; Mrs. Claflin, Cake; Congregational Society Newton Centre, Cake, Pies, Meat, etc.

July.—Mrs. N. T. Allen, West Newton, Box of Clothing, Boots, etc.

Sept.—Mr. Howland, West Newton, Pears.

Nov.—Miss Mary Shannon, Turkeys.

Dec.—Mrs. Claflin, Case of Boots; Miss Grey, Cambridge, Handkerchiefs.

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Feb.—Mr. Arthur Carroll, Box of Oranges; Mrs. Keith, Newtonville, Clothing; Mrs. L. G. Pratt, West Newton, Barrel of Apples; Mr. Hinkley, West Newton, Papers; Mrs. Claflin, Clothing and Hats.

April.—Mr. Charles Robinson, West Newton, Barrel of Apples; Mrs. Plummer, Auburndale, Clothing.

May.—Congregational Society, Newtonville, Cake, Pies, Meat, etc.; Young Folks' Sociable, West Newton, Cake; Friend, Boston, Dates; Friend, Bundle of Clothing.

Mr. Washburne's request for better barn accommodations is eminently worth the attention of the Society. Such a building would be in the end a real economy.

Let the writer of this report say in conclusion, that an adequate impression of the good work which this Society is doing can best be gained by one who, knowing the previous history and sad outward condition of one and another of our boys, should go out to the Home and see them in our well-taught school; or, it may be, detailed for garden work, or possibly at play, or perhaps in the dining room around the plain but well-covered table. His only question then would be, "Why not so multiply these little unpretending homes that our great so-called Reformatories would hardly be needed?"

We desire most earnestly to secure Mr. Washburne's request for better barn accommodations. He is greatly hindered in his work by the want of them.

We cannot close the record of the year without a most affectionate and grateful mention of two of our fellow-laborers who, in the Divine Providence, have been taken from us since our last Annual meeting. Mrs. C. G. Loring had always manifested a hearty interest in our work, and rendered good service on our Board of Managers. The late Hon. Francis C. Lowell has from the beginning proved himself a most wise, earnest, open-hearted and open-handed friend of our Society, and to none are we more deeply indebted, and there is none whose loss could be more seriously felt. He has never failed us. To every need, whether of counsel or of money, he was prompt to answer. It is pleasant to linger in the light of completed lives, and whilst we try to submit to the Divine Will, we pray that faithful hands may speedily take up the tasks which our honored and esteemed friends have been called to lay down.

Respectfully submitted for the Managers,

RUFUS ELLIS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June, 1874		\$139 87
Income from Loring Fund	\$44 00	
“ “ Abigail Loring Fund	408 00	
“ “ Waterston Fund	156 00	
“ “ Joy Fund	250 00	
“ “ Donnison Fund	66 05	
“ “ Adams' Fund	2 50	
“ “ Shaw Fund for Boys	9 31	
“ “ “ “ Girls	135 00	
		<u>\$1,070 86</u>
BOYS' HOME.		
Subscriptions	1,960 00	
Donations	882 02	
Farm Produce sold	369 30	
City of Newton Land Damages	50 00	
Received for Boys' Labor	66 87	
		<u>\$3,328 19</u>
Legacy from Seth Adams		500 00
“ “ Miss M. L. Shaw for Boys		1000 00
“ “ “ “ Girls		5000 00
Borrowed to make up deficiency in Boys' Account	65 04	
Borrowed to make up deficiency in Girls' Account	246 31	311 35
		<u>\$11,350 27</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Reports Printed and Distributed	65 00	
Salaries in Boston	750 00	
		<u>\$815 00</u>
BOYS' HOME.		
Salaries at Pine Farm	1,225 10	
Clothing	86 62	
Provisions	1,015 46	
Miscellaneous	1,413 03	
		<u>\$3,740 21</u>
GIRLS' HOME.		
Paid balance due in 1873	347 96	
Paid Insurance	53 35	
		<u>\$381 31</u>
Seth Adams' Fund—Bought \$500 Bond Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska		503 75
Shaw Fund for Boys—Bought \$1000 Eastern Railroad 7 per cent. note		910 00
Shaw Fund for Girls—Loaned on demand		5000 00
		<u>\$11,350 27</u>

BOSTON, June 2, 1875.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing account and found it correctly cast and duly vouched.

EDWARD W. HOOPER, *Auditor pro tem.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

F. Amory	\$25 00	H. P. Kidder	\$50 00
George Atkinson	10 00	John Lowell	10 00
George M. Barnard	100 00	John A. Lowell	10 00
George Bemis	25 00	C. W. Loring	20 00
Seth Bemis	25 00	Mrs. C. G. Loring	50 00
Martin Brimmer	25 00	Theodore Lyman	20 00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20 00	G. R. Minot	10 00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50 00	Mrs. S. T. Morse	25 00
J. I. Bowditch	20 00	Miss Newman	20 00
Wm. S. Bullard	25 00	Mrs. F. C. Paine	25 00
Mrs. David Burk	5 00	Mrs. R. T. Paine, Jr.	50 00
Mrs. S. Cabot	10 00	John Parkman	20 00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Jr.	20 00	Miss E. S. Quincy	5 00
Miss Sarah Cabot	5 00	T. D. Quincy	5 00
W. C. Cabot	15 00	John Rogers	10 00
Mrs. E. Codman	10 00	Mrs. P. H. Sears	10 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw	25 00
J. H. Dane	5 00	Marshal S. Scudder	100 00
Oliver Ditson	25 00	Henry Saltonstall	100 00
Wm. Endicott, Jr.	100 00	Benjamin Sewall	50 00
George A. Goddard	25 00	Miss M. C. Stevenson	5 00
Miss E. Q. Guild	5 00	Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	5 00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10 00	Mrs. J. Tolman	25 00
R. C. Greenleaf	50 00	N. Thayer	100 00
E. W. Hooper	50 00	Mrs. E. Vose	10 00
Mrs. A. Hemenway	100 00	Misses Wigglesworth	50 00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10 00	Thomas Wigglesworth	20 00
Chas. T. Hubbard	50 00	C. E. Ware	15 00
Miss E. A. Foster	25 00	Miss Wales	200 00
Miss E. Jackson	10 00	Edward Whitney	20 00
Edward Jackson	10 00	Miss Young	5 00
Mrs. S. C. Jackson	15 00		

 \$1,960 00

DONATIONS.

Mrs. P. C. Brooks	\$10 00
Wm. I. Bowditch	5 00
Jonathan Ellis	10 00
George B. Emerson	2 00
George Gardner	5 00
Mrs. George D. Howe	5 00
H. H. Hunnewell	10 00
J. Elliott Cabot	10 00
Henry Lee	10 00
William Munro	5 00
Mrs. Murdock	10 00
James Parker	5 00
Dr. L. B. Russell	5 00
Mrs. S. W. Swett	25 00
Miss Shannon	10 00
Mrs. G. W. Lyman	50 00
E. S. Tobey	5 00
B. C. White	5 00
Estate Charles Sanders	250 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society	250 00
Benevolent Fund, Miss Susan Cabot	100 00
M. E. School, Newton, Upper Falls	7 02
Eliot Sabbath School	28 00
Childrens' Sewing Circle, West Newton	60 00
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TWELFTH REPORT

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From June, 1875, to June, 1876.



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June, MR. PARKMAN, MR. JACKSON.

July, MRS. ELDRIDGE.

Aug., MR. R. T. PAINE, JR.

Sept., MR. KINGMAN.

Oct., MISS LOWELL, G. A. GODDARD.

Nov., MR. & MRS. C. W. SCUDDER.

Dec., MR. & MRS. CLAFLIN.

Jan., MR. & MRS. HUBBARD.

Feb., MR. H. S. GREW.

March, MR. HOOPER, MRS. BARNARD.

April, MR. CLARKE, MR. MERRIAM.

May, MR. ELLIS, MRS. PAINE.

General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK, 36 WOODBINE STREET, HIGHLAND DISTRICT.

REPORT.

Our Society has sustained a very serious and we had almost said irreparable loss in the death during the past year of Marshall S. Scudder, who has been from the beginning one of our most judicious advisers and efficient workers, and especially helpful in the management of the Home at Pine Farm. We desire to make most grateful mention of his faithful services in all these years and to remind our members that we must use the utmost diligence to make good our losses by attracting to our company those who as yet have no knowledge of our admirable aims and methods. We have lived long enough as a society, to know what we are doing and we are satisfied that our home visitations, and our Home Farm and School yield far more encouraging results than large Reformatorys, and are efficient to prevent what those strive, often vainly, to remedy. We ought to have more abundant means, more workers and more givers, for simple as our way of life is and should be, we could spend more money if we had it, and shall soon need contributions for indispensable repairs. Every charitable society is either growing or declining. Of course we would bear in mind the strain of the times, and are thankful that we feel it so little, and note with special gratitude the interest of many kind friends in Newton, to whom our Superintendent refers in his report; but the price of continued success is incessant effort. We shall be under great obligations to any who can direct us to homes in the country, where our boys can be placed. This is at present our greatest want, and the decline of so many industries has made it more difficult than ever to meet this want, and by discharging those who have had the benefit of our discipline, gain room for new comers. We wish to help as many as may be. We have seen in cases which we are tempted to cite how one boy arrested

for a first offence, taken from evil influences which to our knowledge has depressed his infancy and early boyhood, and brought to our home in great doubt as to whether the temptation to run away would not be overwhelming, and how another boy, rescued from those who were giving him his first lessons in street crime, have become faithful, cheerful, and sure to be selected from the rest as singularly promising for the light and earnestness in their faces. These are our successes and they are abundant for our encouragement.

Miss Burnham pursues her faithful round and makes her daily visits at the jail, struggling against the inefficiency and the criminality of parents and doing what she can to keep down the crime rate which we are sorry to say is not decreasing in our city. It would seem as if we needed hundreds of workers in a field where we have now only tens. Our criminals and the inmates of our State Prison are very young men. Have they or have they not been trained in our schools and churches, and if not why not, and if so, to what purpose? These are questions for this Society to answer, for our field is this whole city and not merely the little Home where we have gathered a few brands snatched from the burning.

As will be gathered from the reports of our agents, our institution is in admirable working order and is accomplishing at small pecuniary cost a vast deal of good. Our friends who are in charge of the Home and of its School are heartily engaged in their work, and the Society have reason to be more than satisfied with the results of their efforts in the physical and mental condition of the boys and their evident moral improvement.

The Committee would earnestly call the attention of the Society to the excellent results which might be reached by a more liberal outlay upon the out buildings. If the funds placed at our disposal were much larger than they are, we could make a good use of them. The School numbers thirty and is full.

Our agent Mr. R. R. Cook, thinks that no report from him at this time is needed for reasons given in the following letter :

REV. MR. ELLIS,

Dear Sir :

I think no report is necessary from me in regard to the work of the Children's Aid Society. My time and labors are almost exclusively devoted to those in prison, or in the courts through which they all pass.

I have given but little time to our school the past year compared with the time

devoted to it in the earliest efforts of the Society, leaving the details of the work now almost entirely in the hands of those employed there, who will make their own report and cover all that need be said.

Having had so few applications from the country for boys, there have been fewer changes in the home, while I have sent a larger number to the Island and other places of reform.

My prison labors are arduous and some of them most trying, having witnessed two executions during the year. In the courts I have bailed over six hundred persons, mostly young men. A large proportion of them, I think are doing well. A stranger lately accosted me on the street, saying, "You do not recollect me. I am ——— whom you once took on probation, when I had become a prey to temptation. Since that time I have walked uprightly, have prospered, and am doing a good business."

Occasional interviews like this, encourage me to press onward and "sow beside all waters."

Yours truly,

R. R. COOK.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

RUFUS ELLIS.

MR. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

IN presenting my annual statement of crops raised on Pine Farm I find it does not differ materially from previous years; in order to have the farm produce more, there would be required a greater outlay for dressing; and a good barn cellar would help greatly in this direction. I raised about the same amount of pork with the same results as last year. My poultry and egg receipts have been diminished from the same cause as last year, having had thirty-two hens stolen, leaving me but nine hens which seems rather discouraging. It is becoming quite evident that there will be considerable outlay required on the buildings very soon.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Hay, about	8 tons	Mangel Wurzel,	23 bushels.
Oat Fodder,	2 "	Flat Turnips,	120 "
Corn "	2 1-2 "	Beets,	6 "
Dry Beans,	4 bushels.	Onions,	4 barrels.
Shell and String Beans,	8 "	Squashes,	10 "
Peas,	18 "	Apples,	4 "
Sweet Corn,	45 "	Pears,	2 "
Tomatoes,	18 "	Peaches,	30 bushels.
Carrots,	27 "	Strawberries,	173 boxes.
Potatoes,	155 "	Butchered Pork,	2351 pounds.
Ruta Bagas,	136 "	Butter Made,	295 "

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries,	\$ 22.10	Eggs,	\$ 3.62
Peas,	12.40	Poultry,	5.08
Pears,	3.00	Pork,	243.58
Peaches,	25.72	Calf,	7.90
Corn,	3.00	Cow,	36.66
Potatoes,	20.50	Barrels &c.,	14.56
Turnips,	32.10	Boys Labor,	62.80
Butter,	6.42		

We have enlarged our printing operations beyond what I dared to hope for when I recommended \$300 to be used for that purpose. I trust that it will prove that the money has been well invested as I believe many boys will become interested in the employment that we can give them.

The money for our PRINTING OFFICE has come from the following sources :

Mrs. Kimball,	\$ 50.25
Childrens Sewing Circle,	41.00
Wellesley Sabbath School,	12.00
Natick " "	25.00
A Friend, Boston,	100.00
Mr. J. E. Rogers, Boston	100.00
Childrens Sewing Circle,	33.00
A Friend,	2.00
Mr. C. H. Hubbard,	20.00
Mrs. Hemmenway,	50.00
Mrs. Kimball,	30.00
Old Folks Concert through Mr. H. A. Ball,	60.00
Mrs. E. H. Eldridge, West Newton,	30.00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME.

The following donations have been made to the Home during the year :

Mr. H. S. Burdett, Brookline, 30 Summer Coats; Mrs. Mandell, Newton, Clothing; Mr. and Mrs. Hinckley, West Newton, Loaf of Cake, (a Memorial Gift.); Mr. Chas. Robinson, West Newton, Pears; Mr. Galen Merriam, West Newton, Pears; Mr. David Howland, West Newton, Pears; Mrs. Keith, Newtonville, Clothing; Mr. Wm. Clafin, Case of Boots; Field, Allen & Lawrence, Side of Leather; Ladies Sewing Circle of West Newton Congregational Church, Pillow Slips; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing; Dr. Wilder, Newton Centre, Clothing; Children of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fuller, West Newton, Pies; Newtonville Methodist Society, Cake; Newton Horticultural Society, Cake, Apples, Rolls, &c.; Friend, Boston, Dates; Mrs. W. T. Wardwell, Newton Centre, Bundle of Clothing; The Publishers of the Waltham Free Press for Paper 3 months; The Publishers of the Newton Republican kindly send us their Weekly Paper; Mr. Moses Sargent, Family Bible.

We desire to thank the many friends who have so kindly entertained us all in various ways during the year. Mrs. Broughton and family where we spent the afternoon and evening very pleasantly; also Mr. Rufus Kendall and family, where we enjoyed the evening, and another evening with the Rev. Mr. Patrick and family. Mr. Joseph Newell and Mr. R. Kendall also provided for the admission of us all, to two useful and enjoyable entertainments. Christmas was made unusually pleasant by being wholly a surprise to the boys, and with no effort on our part. Some young people of West Newton, and friends of Newton through Mr. Geo. Trowbridge, seemed determined we should have a "Merry Christmas," and they were very successful. The Childrens Sewing Circle of West Newton, annually manifest their interest in our welfare. Mr. Wm. Barker has kindly given his services during the year in teaching one of the boys to play on the piano, which we think will be of use to him as he shows quite a taste for music. We are still favored with the services of Mr. Trowbridge and feel that we hardly could do without him, as he is ever planning something new to interest and benefit the boys. Through his invitation three young men of the Claffin Guards, Messrs. Glover, Gunnison and Gibbs have been up evenings to drill the boys in military exercises which they have enjoyed very much and we think that the exercise has been profitable to them.

TREASURERS REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

GIRLS HOME.

Income for Girls from Miss Shaws Fund	\$165 00	
“ “ “ “ Rent of House	140 00	\$305 00

BOYS HOME.

Income from Loring Fund	44 00	
“ “ Abigail Loring Fund	408 00	
“ “ Waterston Fund	156 00	
“ “ Joy Fund	250 00	
“ “ Donnison Fund	60 90	
“ “ Seth Adams Fund	40 00	
“ “ Shaw Fund	35 00	\$993 90
Subscriptions	1780 00	
Donations	1361 05	
Farm Produce Sold	446 20	
Boys Labor	62 80	\$3650 05
Legacy from Miss Shaw to Girls Home, note collected		5000 00
Amount forwarded to balance account June 6th		
Deficiency Boys Home (last year	\$65 00)	198 67 } \$270 02
“ Girls “ “ “	246 35)	71 35 } \$10,218 97

EXPENDITURES.

Reports Printed and Distributed	67 00	
Salaries in Boston	750 00	\$817 00

BOYS HOME.

Salaries at Pine Farm	1266 00	
Clothing	90 79	
Provisions	1130 58	
Miscellaneous	1473 25	\$3,960 62

GIRLS HOME.

Insurance	\$130 00	
Loan of June 10th, 1875, paid balance	311 35	
Legacy from Miss Shaw for Girls Home, invested in Mortgage	5000 00	\$10,218 97

BOSTON, JUNE 16th, 1876.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHAS. W. SCUDDER, *Auditor.*

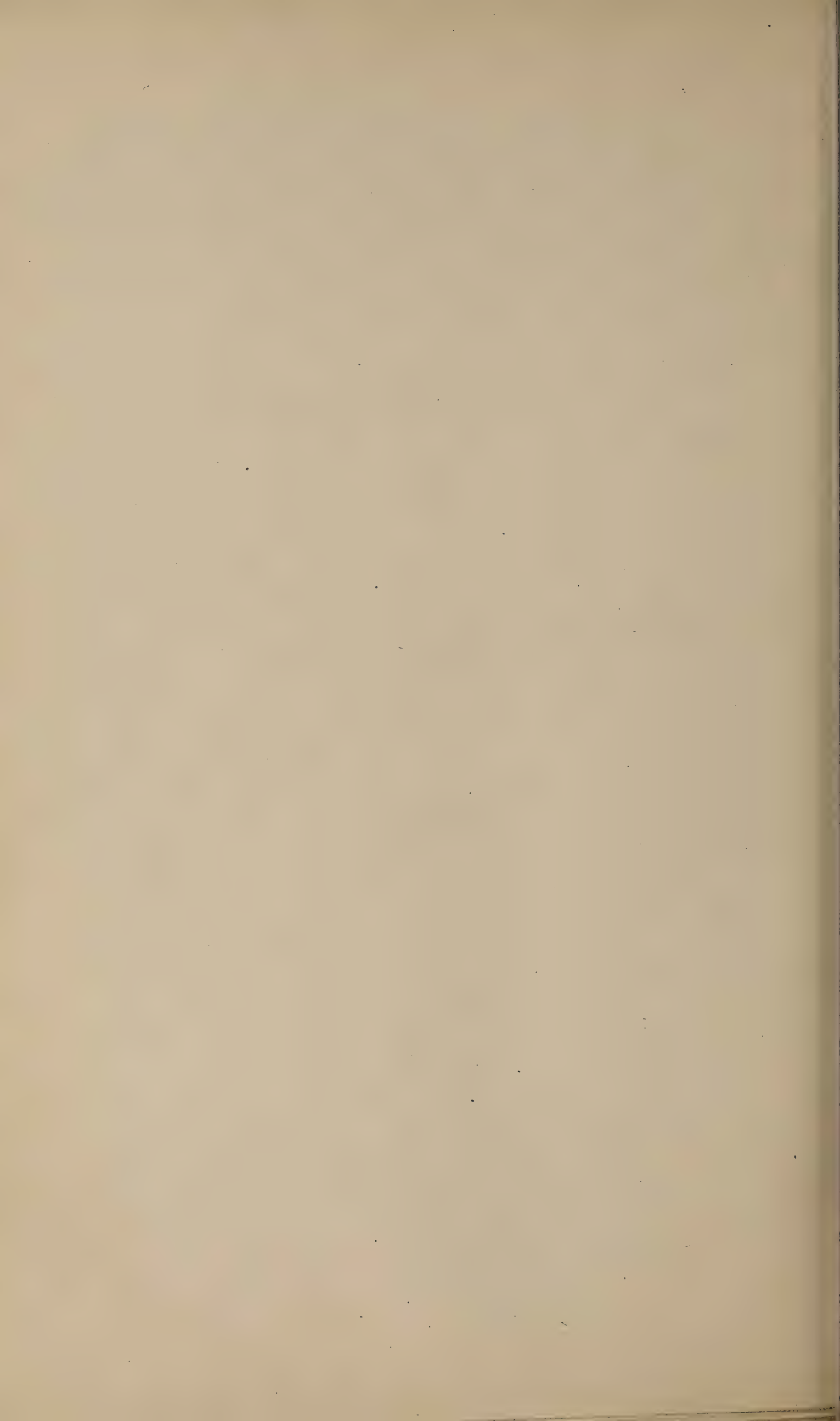
SUBSCRIPTIONS.

F. Amory	\$25 00	H. P. Kidder	50 00
George Atkinson	10 00	Mrs. J. E. Lodge	10 00
George M. Barnard	100 00	John Lowell	10 00
George Bemis	25 00	John A. Lowell	10 00
Seth Bemis	25 00	Theodore Lyman	20 00
Martin Brimmer	25 00	G. R. Minot	10 00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20 00	Mrs. S. T. Morse	25 00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50 00	Miss Newman	20 00
J. I. Bowditch	20 00	Mrs. F. C. Paine	25 00
Wm. S. Bullard	20 00	Mrs. R. T. Paine	50 00
Mrs. David Buck	5 00	John Parkman	10 00
Mrs. S. Cabot	10 00	Miss E. S. Quincy	5 00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Jr.	20 00	T. D. Quincy	5 00
Mrs. Sarah Cabot	5 00	John Rogers	10 00
W. C. Cabot	15 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20 00
Mrs. E. Codman	10 00	Henry Saltonstall	100 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10 00	Benj. Sewell	50 00
James Freeman Clarke	20 00	Mrs. P. H. Sears	10 00
J. H. Dane	5 00	Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	5 00
Oliver Ditson	25 00	Mrs. J. Tolman	25 00
James Davis	10 00	N. Thayer	100 00
Wm. Endicott, Jr.	100 00	Mrs. E. Vose	10 00
George A. Goddard	25 00	Misses Wigglesworth	50 00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10 00	Thos. Wigglesworth	20 00
R. C. Greenleaf	50 00	C. E. Ware	15 00
E. W. Hooper	50 00	R. C. Winthrop	5 00
Mrs. A. Hemenway	100 00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	5 00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10 00	Miss Wales	200 00
Chas. T. Hubbard	50 00	Edward Whitney	20 00
Miss E. Jackson	10 00	Miss Young	5 00
Edward Jackson	10 00		
Mrs. C. Jackson	10 00		
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			\$1,780 00

DONATIONS.

Edward Austin	\$20 00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks	10 00
Wm. I. Bowditch	5 00
Jonathan Ellis	5 00
Mrs. N. Francis	100 00
George Gardner	5 00
Mrs. George D. Howe	5 00
H. H. Hunnewell	10 00
Miss Alice Hooper	100 00
Mrs. Hooper	50 00
Henry Lee	10 00
Miss G. Lowell	25 00
James Parker	5 00
Miss Pratt	100 00
Dr. L. B. Russell	5 00
Mrs. H. W. Sargent	5 00
Mrs. Turner Sargent	5 00
Mrs. S. W. Swett	20 00
Mrs. Murdock	10 00
E. S. Tobey	5 00
B. C. White	5 00
A lady at West Newton	50 00
A friend for printing press	100 00
Mrs. Hemenway " "	50 00
Mrs. Paine	10 00
Mrs. Paine for Christmas	10 00
Miss Wales for Christmas	5 00
E. W. Hooper for Christmas	5 00
G. C. Lord through Mr. Washburn	5 00
Friends at Pine Farm	6 00
Friends at Watertown	6 80
Fuller Children	2 00
Newton Highlands Sabbath School	6 25
Estate Charles Sanders	250 00
Benevolent Fund, Miss Susan Cabot	50 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Fund	200 00
Centennial Party at Newton	100 00

 \$1,361 00



THIRTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Boston Children's Aid Society,

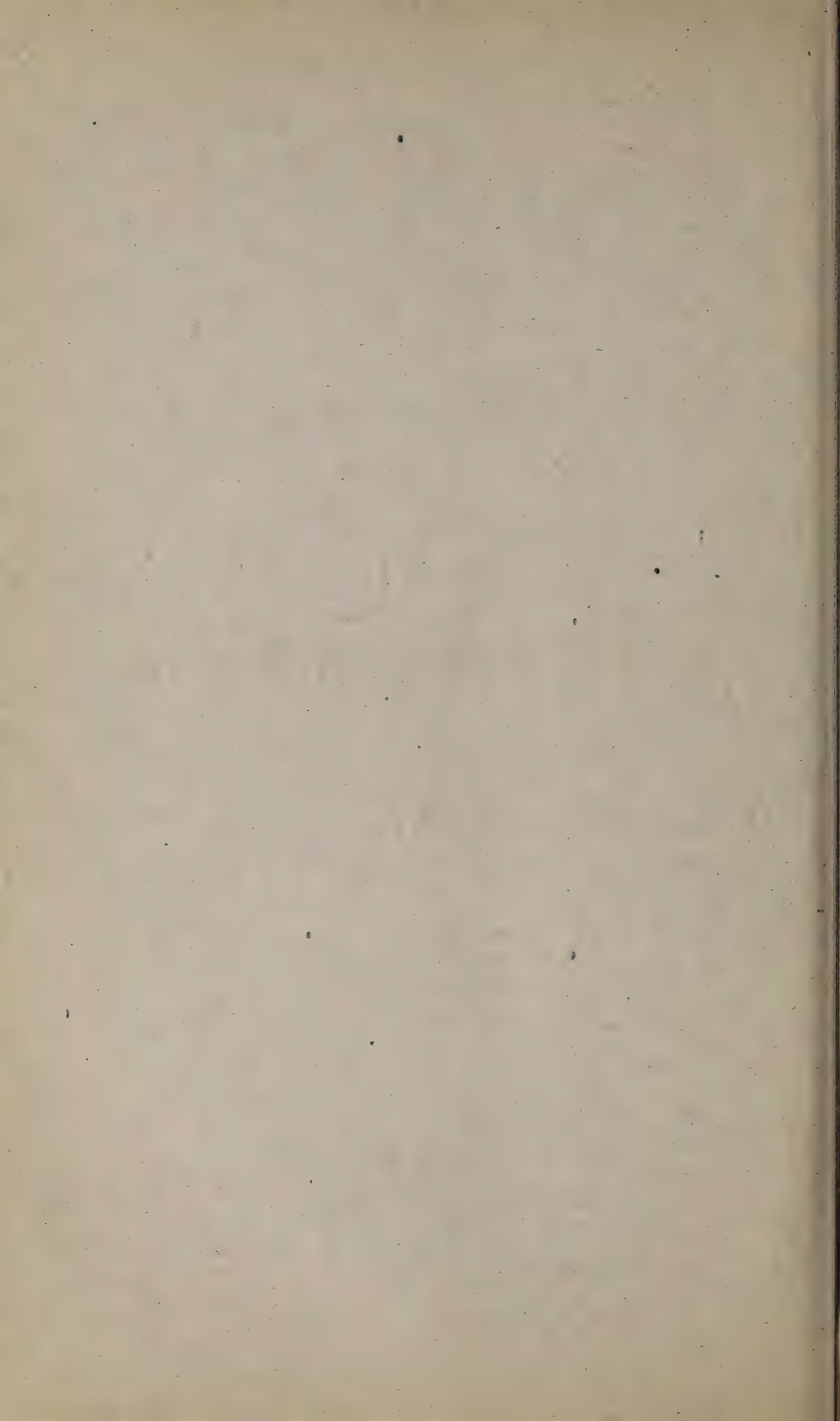
FROM JUNE, 1876, TO JUNE, 1877.



WEST NEWTON:

PRESS OF THE BOYS' HOME.

1877.



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FROM JUNE, 1876, TO JUNE, 1877.



WEST NEWTON:

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REPORT.

The main object of a Report of a benevolent society is to sum up for those who have taken an active interest in its affairs the doings and occurrences of the year. It seems to us that it should also, occasionally answer questions as to the general aims of the society which might be asked by those unfamiliar with them, and reading our Report for the first time. Our society had its origin in the earnest feeling of a few individuals that the large (and since "ill weeds breed apace".) increasing number of vicious boys is menacing to our community. Our large foreign population; the difficulty which boys find in the way of becoming mechanics; the abolition of the apprentice system; the eager rush of all classes to the cities; the general weakening of parental authority; all these circumstances intensify the present evil and the future danger. The savage life of the new England forest has given way to civilization, but the savagery of the low city street and the tenement house still remains. And midst its barbarizing influences are growing up thousands of half civilized young creatures with decided taste for a wild untrammelled life, with distaste for work and sober ways, and with growing aptitude for marauding. Our jails and prisons are full of men who a few years back were just like these, graduates of the same training schools in which these are learning with such precocious quickness, evil and only evil; schools open all the year around, where unhappily few play truant, and which cost so much. What shall be done with or for such boys? In old times the answer was easier than it is now. Even as late as the year 1819, in England under the law which made stealing from the person to the value of one shilling a capital crime, juvenile offenders were disposed of in as summary way as our Puritan ancestors got rid of the question, what is to be done with, or for the vermin of the woods?

We in these later days though not ignorant that the kind of fruits men gather, largely depends on the kind of seed they have allowed to ripen, are inclined on the whole, to think that the extermination of the offender is not the best mode of prevention of crime, and that it is better every way, to save than to destroy. The experience of many years has taught moreover, that it is hard to tame wild *adult* brutes or men, and that so the best way is to catch and tame the young ones. Ideas and hopes like these and the feeling that it is worth trying at any rate, led to the formation of our society.

The instrumentalities employed have been largely influenced by the opinion that a country farm house which should unite the advantages of a school with those of the farm, is much to be preferred to a large edifice like most of our public institutions.

Here are gathered about thirty boys. All have not necessarily been convicted of crime. Some were only standing on its verge. Others have been sent to us through the agency of the City truant officers. Others still by Mr. Cook who in the court rooms daily, is on the look out for those who have committed some minor offence against the law and who he thinks may be arrested in their downward course.

The new comers find on their arrival at Pine Farm, as has been intimated, an old plain farm house ; looking as little like an "Institution" as can be well imagined. Attached is a school house in which the pupils are assembled at the usual hours. The rest of the day, if it is summer they work on the farm or in their gardens, or help within doors. In the winter, a few of them set type, (we own a printing press) pick hair, knit and do a little work in the barn and barn cellar ; we have also a library, formerly belonging to the School ship,—a donation—the books of which help through the winter evenings. Few punishments are ever called for. Few run away, though no high fences or walls stand in the way. The management, in hands peculiarly fitted for the work, is based on principles which sway well ordered homes elsewhere. Here the boys remain long enough to form it is hoped, new tastes, habits, characters, and then at the end of two or three years, through Mr. Washburns care are provided with situations, mainly on farms distant from city temptations, with respectable people whose character is previously carefully enquired into, and who agree to retain the boys till they are sixteen years of age.

In addition to these direct agencies, it should be added, we employ a lady to visit daily the jail, with special reference to the aims which underlie our enterprise.

We can truly say that our success has been greater than we any of us anticipated.

And it has been earned with small expenditure of money. Our treasurers accounts will show how economically every thing has been managed. But were the cost greater, it would not be poor economy for good citizens to aid institutions like ours. Thirty boys with bad proclivities and surroundings, outside, involve far more cost in various ways, to the community, than do the same number inside our boundaries. And five or ten years hence the balance sheet will make even a better exhibit.

And this is one reason why we hope to see our list of subscriptions and donations include more names. It would not be well for various reasons, to have our charities wholly maintained by the few who have ample pecuniary means, nor is it fair to ask of a few to assume the charge of benevolent enterprises in which the whole community has an equal interest. But be this as it may, we can assure our readers that we are not at all troubled by "the embarrassment of ample means," and that in these trying times especially, our treasurer finds about the same difficulty in providing needful funds as do the treasurers of other benevolent societies.

The history of our yearly doings presents little that is novel. When we say that Mr. and Mrs. Washburn have manifested that rare union of firmness and tact with gentleness which is needful in the management of boys, and that their teacher has shown herself fully qualified for her work, and that the home, the school, and the farm have alike produced results with which we are entirely satisfied, we have only repeated what has been said in more or less differing phrase, in previous reports. So too we only repeat what has been said again and again when we express our sense of obligation for the practical wisdom and untiring zeal of Mr. Cook and of Miss Burnham in their subsidiary work.

The school is nearly full. The ruddy faces of the farmer boys report favorably as to their health. No one has died at Pine Farm since we took charge of it. We are glad to say that extra efforts in the way

of advertising in the newspapers for homes in the country, have during the past year resulted in more than usual success.

The society is to be congratulated on the fact that the barn question has been at last settled, our undermined and tottering edifice having been thoroughly repaired at an expense of two hundred and fifty dollars.* Another great question is beginning to loom up in the distance, viz : how long the old dwelling house can be made to last. We trust however that the repairs on the chimney and on other parts of the building may avert the necessity of rebuilding at least for the present.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

JOHN PARKMAN.

*NOTE. Since these lines were written, we are sorry to add that the barn with all of its contents, and the Tool house and Carriage house with most of theirs have been destroyed by fire; the cause of the fire unknown.

MR. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

In reviewing the past year we find the same cause for gratitude to the many friends in Newton who generously assisted us by contributing to our wants and happiness.

In the spring months ten boys left the Home, to have homes with farmers, where they work on the farm in the Summer, and attend school in the Winter until sixteen years of age. When we remember that each boy on leaving was provided with two suits of clothes and find our clothing bill for the year was only \$31 81 we can only balance that account by referring to the list of many bundles of clothing that have found their way to the Home.

We still enjoy the weekly visits of Mr. Trowbridge who ever brings joy and sunshine to our Home, and is desirous as ever to do all in his power to assist us in our work. We would also thank the Misses of the Charity Circle with their older Assistants who continue their noble work in doing for others. The boys enjoyed very much their work

preparing articles for their own table, at the Fair given by the Charity Circle, from which they realized \$20. We also thank the Editor of the **NEWTON JOURNAL** for publishing our donations, and the Editor of the **REPUBLICAN** for a weekly copy of his paper.

DONATIONS TO THE HOME.

The following donations have been made to the Home during the year:

June.—Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Center, Clothing; Congregational Society Auburndale, Cake; Mrs. W. O. Trowbridge, Newton, Ticking for Beds.

Aug.—Mr. David Howland, West Newton, Pears; Mr. Lambert, West Newton Apples; Mr. Chas. Robinson, West Newton, Pears.

Sept.—Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Center, Clothing.

Nov.—Mrs. Silas Stone, West Newton, Apples; Mrs. Wm. Claflin, Clothing; Mrs. W. T. Wardwell, Newton Center, Clothing; Mr. Edward Upham, West Newton, two Turkeys; Ladies of J. C. Adams Society, twenty-one Pies.

Dec.—Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, Slippers.

Jan.—Miss E. & R. Grey, Cambridgeport, Mittens and Handkerchiefs; Mrs. Meserve, Quincy, Clothing; Mrs. Walker, Newtonville, Clothing.

Feb.—Mrs. Keith, Newtonville, Clothing; Mr. C. D. Elliott, West Newton, Apples; Field, Allen & Lawrence, Boston, one side of Leather; Mr. Gane, W. Newton, Apples; Mrs. Wm. Claflin, Case of Boots; Charity Circle Handkerchiefs; Mrs. Lovejoy, West Newton, Shirts; Mrs. Wm. Claflin, Clothing.

May.—R. W. Kendall, West Newton, two Bundles of Cloth; Congregational Sewing Circle, West Newton, twenty Shirts.

The Printing Press, Type and Stock, have all been paid for, partly by contributions the remainder by work, with a small surplus earned, which we hope another year will show an increase of earnings.

In addition to what was given last year toward the Press and Type, we have received from the following sources;

Miss Sarah Haven	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$30 00
Newtonville Congregational Sunday School	24 18
Waltham	"	"	"	.	.	.	12 44
Brighton	"	"	"	.	.	.	24 00
Benefit Concert	36 30
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Cost of Press and Type	911 06
Amount of Donations	700 17
Balance paid in work	210 89

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM FOR THE YEAR 1876.

Hay, about	8 tons.	Green Beans.	12 bushels.
Oat Fodder,	2 "	Dry "	3 "
Corn "	2 "	Tomatoes	15 "
Potatoes	110 bush.	Onions	3 "
Ruta Bagas	107 "	Sweet Corn	52 "
French Turnips	40 "	Squashes	12 barrels.
Carrots	46 "	Apples	9 "
Mangel Wursel	82 "	Pears	2 "
Beets	8 "	Strawberries	131 boxes.
White Turnips	58 "	Butchered Pork	2435 pounds.
Peas	16 "	Butter Made	372 "

Made two barrels of Vinegar

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries	13 25
Vegetables	48 45
Butter	12 96
Eggs	2 30
Pork	175 20
Barrels	10 60
Boys Labor	47 05



TREASURERS REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Income, Shaw Fund for Girls Home	\$300 00
“ “ “ “ Boys Home	43 34
“ Loring “ “ “	44 00
“ Abigail Loring Fund, Boys Home	408 00
“ Cornelia Loring “ “ “	93 23
“ Waterston “ “ “	156 00
“ Joy “ “ “	250 00
“ Donnison “ “ “	55 75
“ Seth Adams “ “ “	40 00
Rent of house at Girls Home	150 00
	<u>\$1,540 32</u>
Subscriptions	\$1,920 00
Donations	912 81
Donations for Barn	347 00
Farm Produce sold	263 83
Boys Labor	47 05
Printing Press earnings	96 03
For Board of one of the Inmates	75 00
	<u>\$3,661 72</u>
Legacy from Mrs. Cornelia Loring	\$2,000 00
	<u>\$7,202 04</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Balance overdrawn last year	\$270 02
Salaries in Boston	550 00
Printing Reports	38 00
BOYS HOME.	
Clothing	\$31 81
Provisions	911 15
Salaries	1,296 33
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,090 28
	<u>\$3,329 57</u>
Cornelia Loring Legacy, loaned on demand	2000 00
Balance in Girls Home Fund	600 00
Barn Repair Fund	347 00
General Fund Boys Home	67 45
	<u>1014 45</u>
	<u>\$7,202 04</u>

BOSTON, JUNE 14th. 1877.

EDWARD JACKSON. *Treasurer.*

I have examined the Treasurers accounts for the current year and found them correct.

CHAS. W. SCUDDER, *Auditor*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

F. Amory	25 00	H. P. Kidder	50 00
George Atkinson	10 00	Miss G. Lowell	25 00
George Bemis	25 00	J. A. Lowell	10 00
Seth Bemis	25 00	John Lowell	10 00
Mrs. H. Bryant	20 00	Mrs. J. E. Lodge	10 00
Martin Brimmer	25 00	Theodore Lyman	20 00
W. S. Bullard	20 00	Mrs. S. T. Morse	25 00
Mrs. David Buck	5 00	G. R. Minot	10 00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch	50 00	Mrs. F. C. Paine	25 00
J. I. Bowditch	20 00	R. T. Paine Jr.	50 00
George M. Barnard	100 00	John Parkman	10 00
Mrs. S. Cabot Jr.	20 00	T. D. Quincy	5 00
Mrs. S. Cabot	10 00	John Rogers	10 00
W. C. Cabot	15 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw	25 00
Mrs. E. Codman	10 00	Benj. Sewell	50 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10 00	N. Thayer	100 00
James Davis	10 00	Mrs. J. Tolman	25 00
J. H. Dane	5 00	Mrs. P. H. Sears	10 00
Oliver Ditson	25 00	Mrs. T. Sargent	5 00
W. Endicott Jr.	100 00	H. Saltonstall	100 00
Mrs. B. D. Greene	10 00	Mrs. E. Vose	15 00
R. C. Greenleaf	50 00	Miss M. A. Wales	200 00
H. S. Grew	25 00	Misses Wigglesworth	50 00
G. A. Goddard	50 00	T. Wigglesworth	20 00
E. W. Hooper	50 00	R. C. Winthrop	5 00
Mrs. S. Hooper	50 00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	5 00
Miss Alice Hooper	50 00	C. E. Ware	15 00
Mrs. Hemenway	100 00	Edward Whitney	20 00
C. T. Hubbard	50 00	Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright	5 00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10 00	Miss Young	5 00
Mrs. C. Jackson	10 00		
Miss E. Jackson	10 00		
Edward Jackson	10 00		

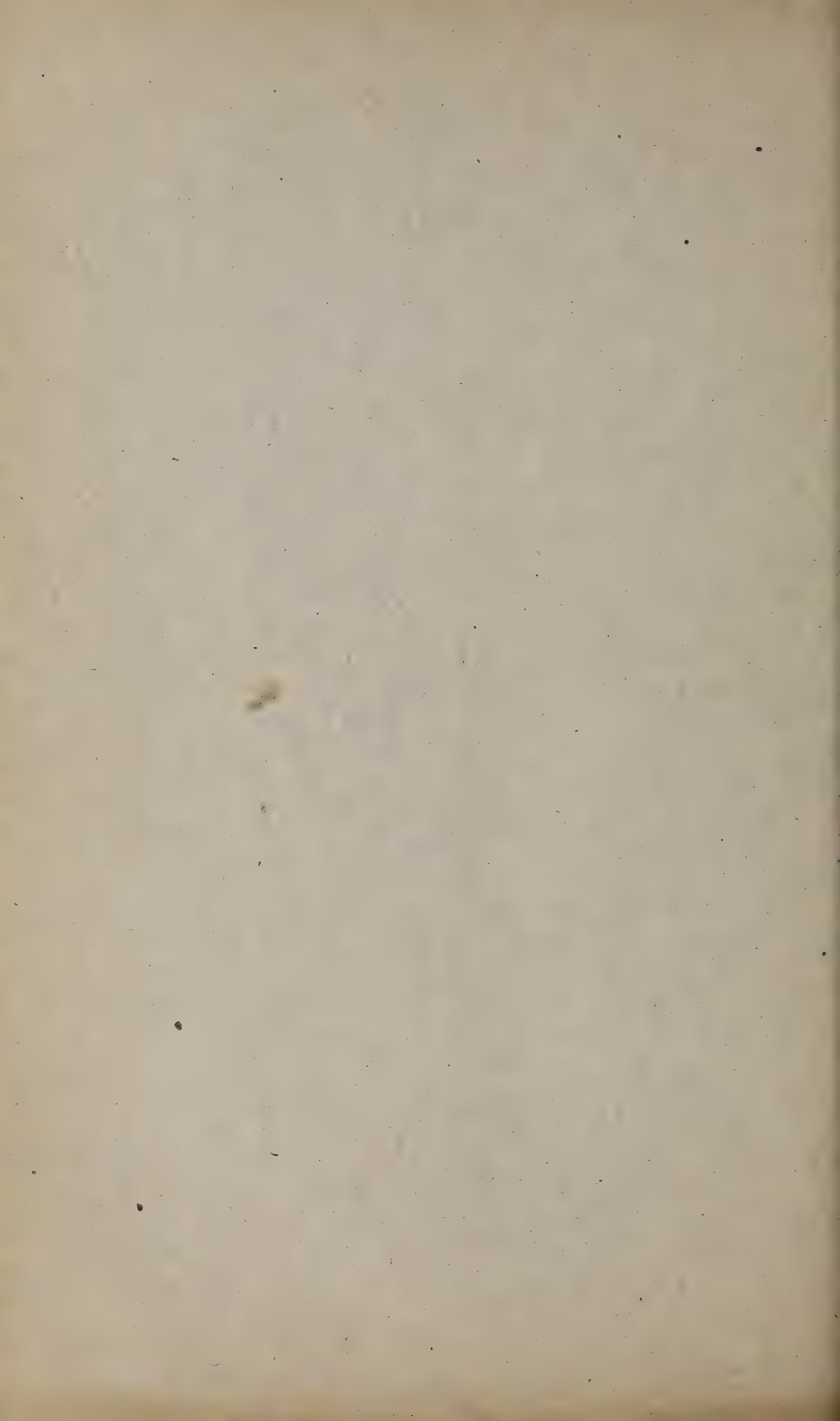
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DONATIONS.

Mrs. P. C. Brooks	\$10 00
Mrs. Gorham Brooks	5 00
W. I. Bowditch	5 00
Jonathan Ellis	5 00
George Gardner	5 00
Mrs. George D. Howe	5 00
H. H. Hunnewell	10 00
Mrs. David Kimball	50 00
A friend	6 81
Henry Lee	10 00
Mrs. T. Sargent	5 00
James Parker	5 00
Miss Mary Pratt	50 00
Dr. L. B. Russell	5 00
Mrs. S. W. Sweet	20 00
E. S. Tobey	5 00
B. C. White	5 00
Mrs. E. Wigglesworth	20 00
Mrs. Hemenway for Christmas	50 00
Mrs. C. T. Hubbard for Christmas	20 00
Susan Cabot benevolent Fund	50 00
Sanders Fund	250 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Association	200 00
Mrs. Kimball through Mr. Washburn	50 00
Miss Haven " " "	10 00
Mr. J. F. Fuller " " "	10 00
R. & L. Pulsifer " " "	1 00
Two friends at Natick " "	5 00
Mrs. Murdock, Cambridge	10 00
Boys Table at Fair	20 00
Miss Nellie Frost for school books	10 00
E. W. Hooper for Barn Fund	50 00
Mrs. Eldridge	100 00
Concerts at Newton	147 00
Childrens Sewing Circle	50 00
	347 00

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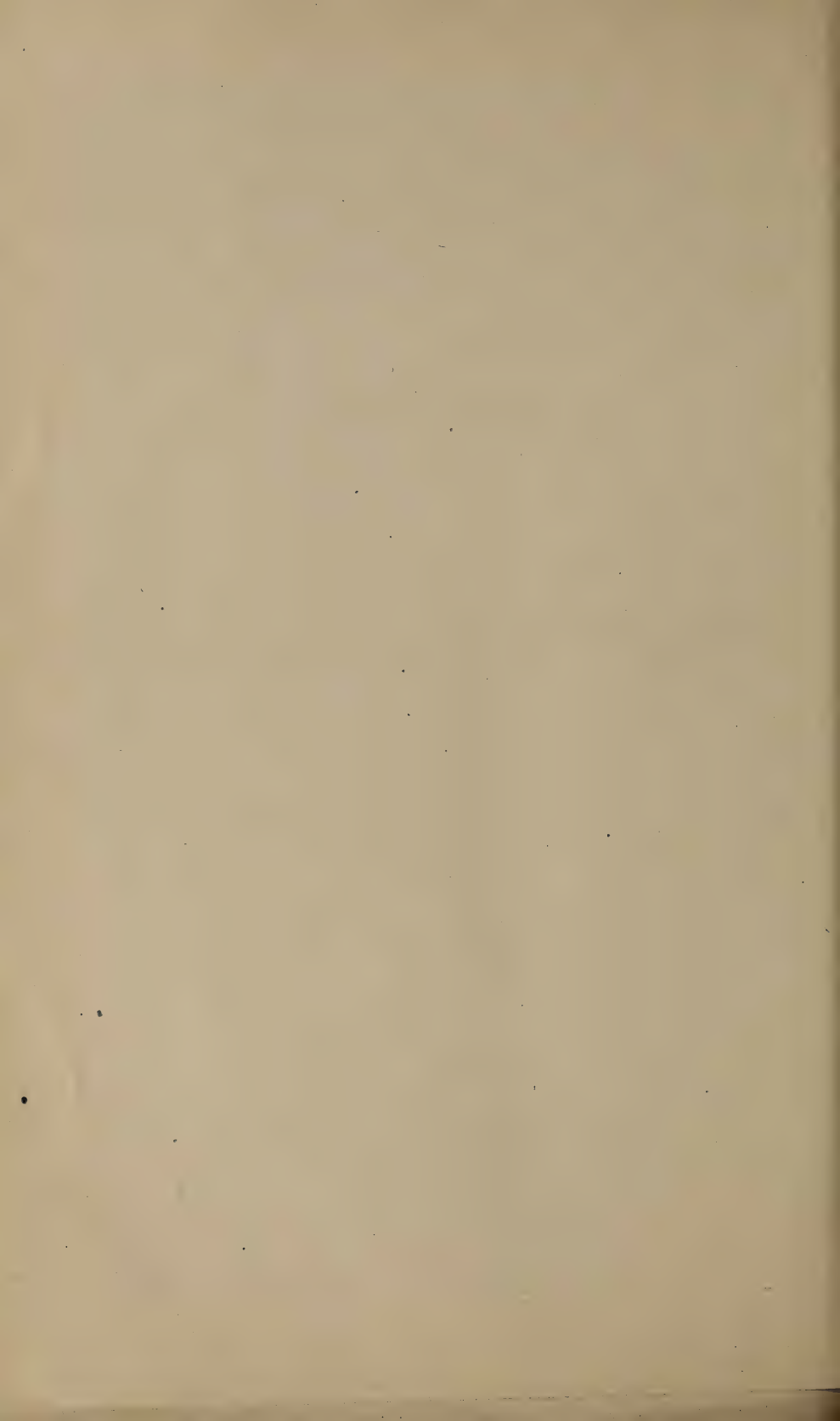
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REPORT.

In these days of the tramp and of the illiterate voter, who threaten to reign supreme, such objects as ours are something more than objects of charity. They are means of protection against a danger to society. Want of education given when young is the cause of this threatened danger. Compulsory education is the surest safety to a land of universal suffrage. But the meaning of the word, "education" is growing. It is no longer merely book learning, but includes manual training, and to some extent the element of self-restraint. Industrial education is becoming the cry of those who do most for their kind and for society.

We claim to make good citizens, of boys who would otherwise become dangerous to the community. We take thirty boys at a time for two or three years of their lives. We claim that our object is worthy of support enough to establish many more such families of thirty boys each. All boys that are likely to be dangerous, should be thus cared for. A large class of poor children do not get education which fits them for good citizens, if they get any. They do not get training. They cannot be trained as apprentices. Their parents do not appreciate training, and the children run wild to such an extent that happiness is in their minds by no means associated with goodness. They are crowded together in city streets and learn to admire whatever is most rowdy and defiant of law. It is the school of the tramp in which they get their associations. Let them when young learn better ideas!

Much discussion has been had of late as to the best way of training up such dangerous children. Especially in New York State have theories and facts been advanced, which go to show that large institutions are too much like prisons or poor houses. They do not give

pleasant associations to children, so that the tendency is to escape from that which is drudgery because it does not raise self-respect. They do not fit the children for good citizens because responsibility and self-restraint cannot be cultivated in a large institution. The facts seem to show that treatment nearly resembling what is had in a family circle is the best training for developing self-restraint and faithfulness. If the boys are placed in too many widely separated families, supervision becomes impossible. Thirty boys together seems to be a convenient number for all purposes. And matron and superintendent take the position of parents.

We have at Pine Farm, West Newton, a family training school, in which "the family" includes, besides boys, Mr. Washburn and his wife, who with much success fill the place of natural guardians to the boys, and with the aid of their two daughters raise the home feeling. We have a female teacher in place of one of the daughters, whom we were sorry to lose. The new one, with a fondness for her work, successfully trains the boys while giving them a common school education. The boys do most of the house-work, and most of the farming, in which they are directed and helped by Mr. Washburn, and when not able to work out of doors, they are occupied at useful industries indoors. There is a printing press worked by some of them with the aid of a former pupil of the school, who is a satisfactory example of our results. This earns something towards the expenses of the Home.

The boys are taken from the courts, where they have been sentenced or put on probation for petty offences, and have been put in charge of "Uncle Cook", who is the agent of this Society; or they are rescued from other dangerous surroundings, where they are likely to become vicious members of society. We receive them at the age of ten and keep them two or three years. They are then sent to smaller private homes in the country, and some correspondence is kept up with them afterwards. The families are chosen with care and the results are satisfactory. A wish has however been expressed, that there should be some-one whose charge it should be to keep the run of them for a long time after they have left us, and to encourage their self-respect when they have become their own mas-

ters. Some move in this direction may perhaps be made.

We get here the merits of the family system, without, it seems, its defects. The boys rarely run away, unless at first before they realize their situation, or in the case of unusually adventurous spirits. We have nothing to confine them, though, if they run away, it is possible to follow and trace them. In the last year one of the older boys was sent out after and he brought back a runaway. We have but one superintendent and a matron, so that it is an easy matter to follow the working of the family system.

The management is very economical in view of its benefit to society. And this is because in principle it is partly self-supporting. This year the labor of the boys is a smaller item of income than usual, because much of their labor was in finishing and painting the new barn, and in painting the house.

After we had fitly repaired the old barn at the beginning of the year, it was burned down. This caused us a great loss, which by the kindness of friends and by the help of insurance has been now mostly replaced. We had to replace our stock as well as a part of Mr. Washburn's. We are now well provided. But the house will before long need large repairs or renewal. The cause of the fire is still uncertain, probably incendiary.

The school is nearly full. At one time in the year many boys left us, following each other closely to places on farms. For some time we found trouble in getting to replace them the class whom we aim to reach; but by waiting we found a supply.

We have had general good health through the year. The boys almost always gain in health with us. Twice however an epidemic has gone through the school, but it has turned out to be of a wonderfully mild type and has soon passed away. This shows favorably for our sanitary condition.

Miss Burnham has continued assiduously the work on which the Society first of all started, that of visiting the boys when detained in jail for trial or as witnesses, and doing what can be done to keep them out of harm, and encourage them to good. She has made constant visits to such children, often furnishing them with books.

In closing I need not allude to the dangers impending over our land from the class which we aim to reach, but hope that our object shows itself true, and worthy of generous aid.

Respectfully for the committee,
GEORGE A. GODDARD.

At the Annual Meeting of the Children's Aid Society,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. George Bemis this Society regrets the loss of one who was interested in our work from the beginning, and whose mind and heart were always devoted to help and raise the tempted and fallen.

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the proof of his continued interest in our work as manifested in his generous legacy to our society.

Resolved, That these resolutions be communicated to the family of our friend.

West Newton, June 14, 1878.

We print a few extracts from letters written by boys who have left the Home under various circumstances, which may seem interesting to some friends,

New York, May 3rd. 1878.

MR. WASHBURN.

DEAR SIR:

Almost five years since you have heard anything from me.

Ah! it is not because I have not wanted to let you hear from me, but it is *shame* that has prevented me from having you know my whereabouts.

Many a night I have kept awake thinking of past events, of the home at W. Newton, of Mrs. Clafin and of my shameful conduct in doing as I did. Remorse fills my heart as I think of it now. What opportunities I have let slip without improving them! * * *

I hope that you will write to me, as I would feel very happy to hear from those who taught me what little I know. And I shall always think of you with kind, respectful feelings that I should for my parents.

I have aspired always to preserve my character from all suspicion and I think I have succeeded wherever I have lived since I left you.

Wells, April 5th. 1878.

DEAR MRS. W—

I now sit down to answer your kind letter and I thank you for it. I have some news to tell you, Mr. C. E. D., in North Berwick wants to adopt a boy. I found it out when I was riding with him over to N. Berwick. He asked me whose boy I was and when I told him he said he wanted to adopt a good boy. I told him I guessed he could get one up there and he wanted me to write and tell you that he wanted one.

I told him you would not want to send one unless you knew what kind of a man he was. He said he could get the cashier of the bank and either one of the ministers in N. Berwick to tell what kind of a man he is.

I like father as well as I can and that is a good deal.

I hope all the boys are good boys as I try to be myself.

Salisbury, N.H. Dec. 2nd. 1877.

DEAR FRIEND,

I was coming down there last Forth of July but it took all I could earn to buy my clothes so I did not have enough to go down and come back again. But I shall come down next Fourth if I can get enough, besides my clothes, to come with.

It is pretty hard to get a chance to work where one can get more than his board this winter. * * I should like to see all the folks down there very much. I can sing about as well as they will average around here. I owe it all to Mr. Trowbridge and the managers of the home. I suppose I owe a good share to Uncle Cook.

I thank them for their kindness and I thank Mr. Trowbridge for being so patient with me so I can sing some.

Are there any old pieces that they don't use when they sing? I should like one or two of them if you will send them when you write the next letter. I should like to remember all the pieces that I learned there. David sends his love to you. * * *

MR. WASHBURN'S REPORT.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM IN 1877.

Hay, about . . .	10 tons.	Green Beans . . .	12 bush.
Oat Fodder, . . .	2 "	Dry " . . .	4 "
Corn " . . .	2 "	Tomatoes . . .	18 "
Potatoes . . .	92 bush.	Sweet Corn . . .	60 "
Ruta Bagas . . .	140 "	Squashes . . .	5 bbls.
White Turnips . . .	28 "	Apples . . .	3 "
Carrots . . .	40 "	Pears . . .	2 "
Mangel Wurzel . . .	94 "	Peaches . . .	2 "
Peas . . .	14 "	Strawberries . . .	160 boxes.
Beets . . .	10 "	Butchered Pork . . .	1047 lbs.
Butter Made . . .		266 lbs.	

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries	\$9 77
Vegetables	35 05
Pork	37 85
Barrels and Sundries	15 65
	<u>\$ 98 32</u>
Boys' Labor	8 10
Net Earnings from Printing Press	332 87
	<u>\$ 439 29</u>

Our receipts from the farm this season have been diminished by the fire, in which, among other things, three hogs and about seven tons of hay were consumed. From the same cause the boys' labor has been less productive than usual, as it has been applied largely to the removal of stones and gravel and to the shingling of buildings.

The Printing Office is no longer an experiment but is already an assured success. It is now doing a fair amount of business, which with care may be greatly increased. The boys are very apt in learning to handle types and presses. The success of this industry may lead we hope to others equally useful until this shall become in a true sense an Industrial School. We wish success to those who contemplate establishing industrial schools on a similar plan.

We would again express our thanks to the many friends who have in various ways shown their continued interest in our work. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge still enables us to secure the services of Mr. George Trowbridge in giving musical instruction to the boys; We

heartily appreciate the interest and enthusiasm with which Mr. Trowbridge seeks to promote the welfare of the Home.

The Charity Circle of West Newton, composed of young Misses, gave an entertainment for the benefit of the Home which resulted in a gift of \$50 to the Treasury.

During the year the boys have enjoyed the hospitalities of friends as follows: in June they spent an afternoon very enjoyably at the home of Hon. Wm. Claflin and wife, in Newtonville; in August Mr. C. W. Hubbard conveyed them to his beautiful home in Weston, where no pains were spared to entertain them; in October they spent an afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Davis of West Newton. They also spent an afternoon in gathering chestnuts etc., with Mrs. E. T. Eldredge of West Newton; in Feb., all were invited to spend an evening with Rev. H. J. Patrick, and family.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Sanderson for services rendered in extracting teeth for the boys during the year, to the Editor of the *NEWTON JOURNAL* for publishing a list of donations, and to the Editor of the *NEWTON REPUBLICAN* for a copy of that paper.

DONATIONS TO THE HOME DURING THE YEAR.

June.—Primary School, West Newton, Cake.

July.—Newtonville Dramatic Club, \$6.25; J. F. Fuller, West Newton, \$25.00.

Aug.—Mr. David Howland, West Newton, Pears.

Sept.—Mr. Charles Robinson, West Newton, Pears; Mr. Gay, West Newton, Pears.

Oct.—A Friend, gave Bundle of Clothing; Mr. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Bundle of Clothing; Mrs. David Kimball, Boston, gave Dates.

Nov.—Mrs. David Kimball, Boston, \$25.00 for Shoes; Mr. Geo. Allen, Mrs. C. S. Phillips, and Mr. Childs, West Newton, gave Sleds; Mr. Upham, West Newton, gave 3 Turkeys; Rev. J. C. Adams' Church and Society, gave 3 Turkeys.

Dec.—Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, Boston, gave \$20.00 for Slippers; Misses E. and T. Grey, Cambridgeport, gave Mittens and Handkerchiefs; Charity Circle, West Newton, 25 Handkerchiefs.

Jan.—Mrs J. Q. Henry, Newton, gave Scarfs; Mr. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, gave Clothing; Mr. Henry Crafts, West Newton, Clothing and 1 pair of Boots; Mrs. Leavitt, Newtonville, gave suit of Clothes; Mrs. Keith, Newtonville, Bundle of Clothing; Mrs. Crafts, West Newton, Clothing.

Feb.—Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Sled and Clothing; Mr. W. C. Strong, Newton, gave Sleds; Mr. A. Lawrence, Rubbers and Clothing.

March.—Mrs. Mitchell, West Newton Clothing; Field, Allen and Lawrence, Boston, Side of Leather.

April.—Newtonville Central Church, Cake, Meat and Rolls; Hatfield & Son, Boston, Printing Press and Type; Mrs. Farquhar, Newton, Shoes and Clothing; Mr. R. R. Kendall, West Newton, 4 Bundles New Cloth.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 14, 1877.

Girls' Home Fund,	\$600 00	
Barn Fund,	347 00	
General Fund, Boys' Home,	67 45	\$1,014 45

RECEIPTS.

Income, Shaw Fund for Girls,		300 00
“ Loring Fund,	\$ 44 00	
“ Abigail Loring Fund,	408 00	
“ Cornelia Loring Fund, for salaries,	66 67	
“ Waterston Fund,	156 00	
“ Joy Fund,	250 00	
“ Donnison Fund,	45 50	
“ Seth Adams Fund,	40 00	
“ Hemenway Fund,	18 75	
“ Shaw Fund, for Boys,	35 83	1,064 75
Subscriptions to Boys' Home,	\$1,640 00	
Donations to Boys' Home,	1,120 00	
Farm Produce sold,	98 32	
Boys Labor,	8 10	
Printing Press earnings,	332 87	3,190 29
Subscriptions to Barn Fund,	\$1,213 00	
Insurance collected on old Barn burnt,	300 00	
Interest earned,	2 25	1,515 25
Cornelia Loring Fund,—loan collected,		2,000 00
Hemenway Fund,—amount received of Executors A. Hemenway,		2,000 00
General Fund Boys' Home,—amount overdrawn,		105 59
		<u>\$11,199 33</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries in Boston,		\$ 550 00
Salaries at Pine Farm,	\$1,308 12	
Clothing,	85 78	
Provisions,	900 26	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1,806 72	4,100 88

BARN FUND.

New Barn, Horses, Carriages &c.,	\$1,879 01	
Repairs on old Barn before the fire,	269 44	2,148 45
Girls' Home Fund,—loaned on demand,		900 00
Cornelia Loring Fund,—loaned on mortgage on No. 10 West Newton St.,		2,000 00
Hemenway Fund,—loaned on mortgage on No. 10 West Newton St.,		1,500 00
		<u>\$11,199 33</u>

BOSTON, JUNE 7th. 1878.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 7, 1878:

I have examined the Treasurer's accounts for the past year and find them correctly cast and vouched, and have also verified the evidences of property held by the Society.

CHAS. W. SCUDDER, *Auditor.*

DONATIONS.

— 2022 —

Mrs. N. I. Bowditch,	\$ 50 00
C. E. Billings,	50 00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks,	10 00
W. I. Bowditch,	5 00
Mrs. N. Francis,	50 00
George Gardner,	5 00
Mrs. George D. Howe,	5 00
H. H. Hunnewell,	10 00
Henry Lee,	10 00
Miss A. C. Lowell,	100 00
Dr. L. B. Russell,	5 00
E. S. Toby,	5 00
B. C. White,	5 00
Mrs. David Kimball, for shoes,	25 00
Mrs. Hemenway, for Christmas,	50 00
Susan Cabot Benevolent Fund,	50 00
Sanders Fund,	250 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Association,	200 00
Charity Circle, West Newton,	50 00
Charity Square,	170 00
Miss Nellie Frost, through Mr. Washburn,	5 00
Miss Murdock, Cambridge,	10 00
	<u>\$1120 00</u>

DONATIONS TO BARN FUND.

Mrs. S. W. Swett,	\$ 50 00	Frederick Davis,	5 00
A Friend,	20 00	F. Amory,	5 00
Mrs. N. Francis,	100 00	C. W. Loring,	5 00
E. W. Hooper,	50 00	James B. Case,	25 00
Miss M. A. Wales,	100 00	Mrs. Geo. E. Black,	20 00
Mrs. F. C. Paine,	50 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw,	50 00
Mrs. J. W. James,	10 00	Martin Brimmer,	50 00
Mrs. C. T. Hubbard,	40 00	J. Franklin Fuller,	25 00
Chas. T. Hubbard,	40 00	Rev. J. F. Clarke,	15 00
Chas. W. Hubbard,	20 00	R. T. Paine Jr.,	50 00
Annie Hubbard,	20 00	Miss Pratt,	50 00
Benj. Sewall,	20 00	H. Pickering,	50 00

T. Wigglesworth,.....	50 00	Mrs. J. C. Alvord,.....	5 00
Miss Mary Wigglesworth,.....	100 00	George W. C.,.....	20 00
Mrs. E. Wigglesworth,.....	25 00	John S. Leighton,.....	5 00
Miss A. C. Wigglesworth,.....	25 00	Chas. A. Barnard,.....	3 00
H. S. Grew,.....	100 00	J. B. Ingalls,.....	5 00
Henry Grew,.....	5 00		\$ 1,213 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

F. Amory,.....	\$ 25 00	H. P. Kidder,.....	50 00
George Atkinson,.....	10 00	Miss G. Lowell,.....	25 00
George Bemis,.....	25 00	J. A. Lowell,.....	10 00
Seth Bemis,.....	25 00	John Lowell,.....	10 00
Mrs. H. Bryant,.....	20 00	Mrs. J. E. Lodge,.....	10 00
Martin Brimmer,.....	25 00	Theodore Lyman,.....	20 00
W. S. Bullard,.....	20 00	Mrs. S. T. Morse,.....	25 00
Mrs. David Buck,.....	5 00	G. R. Minot,.....	10 00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch,.....	50 00	Mrs. F. C. Paine,.....	25 00
J. I. Bowditch,.....	20 00	R. T. Paine, Jr.,.....	50 00
Mrs. S. Cabot,.....	10 00	Rev. John Parkman,.....	10 00
Mrs. S. Cabot Jr.,.....	20 00	T. D. Quincy,.....	5 00
W. C. Cabot,.....	15 00	John Rogers,.....	10 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis,.....	10 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw,.....	25 00
Rev. J. F. Clarke,.....	10 00	Benj. Sewall,.....	50 00
James Davis,.....	10 00	N. Thayer,.....	100 00
J. H. Dane,.....	5 00	Mrs. J. Tolman,.....	25 00
Oliver Ditson,.....	25 00	Mrs. P. H. Sears,.....	10 00
W. Endicott Jr.,.....	100 00	H. Saltonstall,.....	100 00
Mrs. B. D. Greene,.....	10 00	Mrs. E. Vose,.....	5 00
R. C. Greenleaf,.....	50 00	Miss A. M. Wales,.....	200 00
H. S. Grew,.....	25 00	Misses Wigglesworth,.....	50 00
G. A. Goddard,.....	25 00	T. Wigglesworth,.....	20 00
E. W. Hooper,.....	50 00	R. C. Winthrop,.....	5 00
Mrs. A. S. Hooper,.....	50 00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop,.....	5 00
C. T. Hubbard,.....	50 00	C. E. Ware,.....	15 00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes,.....	10 00	Edward Whitney,.....	20 00
Mrs. C. Jackson,.....	10 00	Mrs. W. S. Whitwell,.....	10 00
Miss E. Jackson,.....	10 00	Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright,.....	5 00
Edward Jackson,.....	10 00	Miss Young,.....	5 00

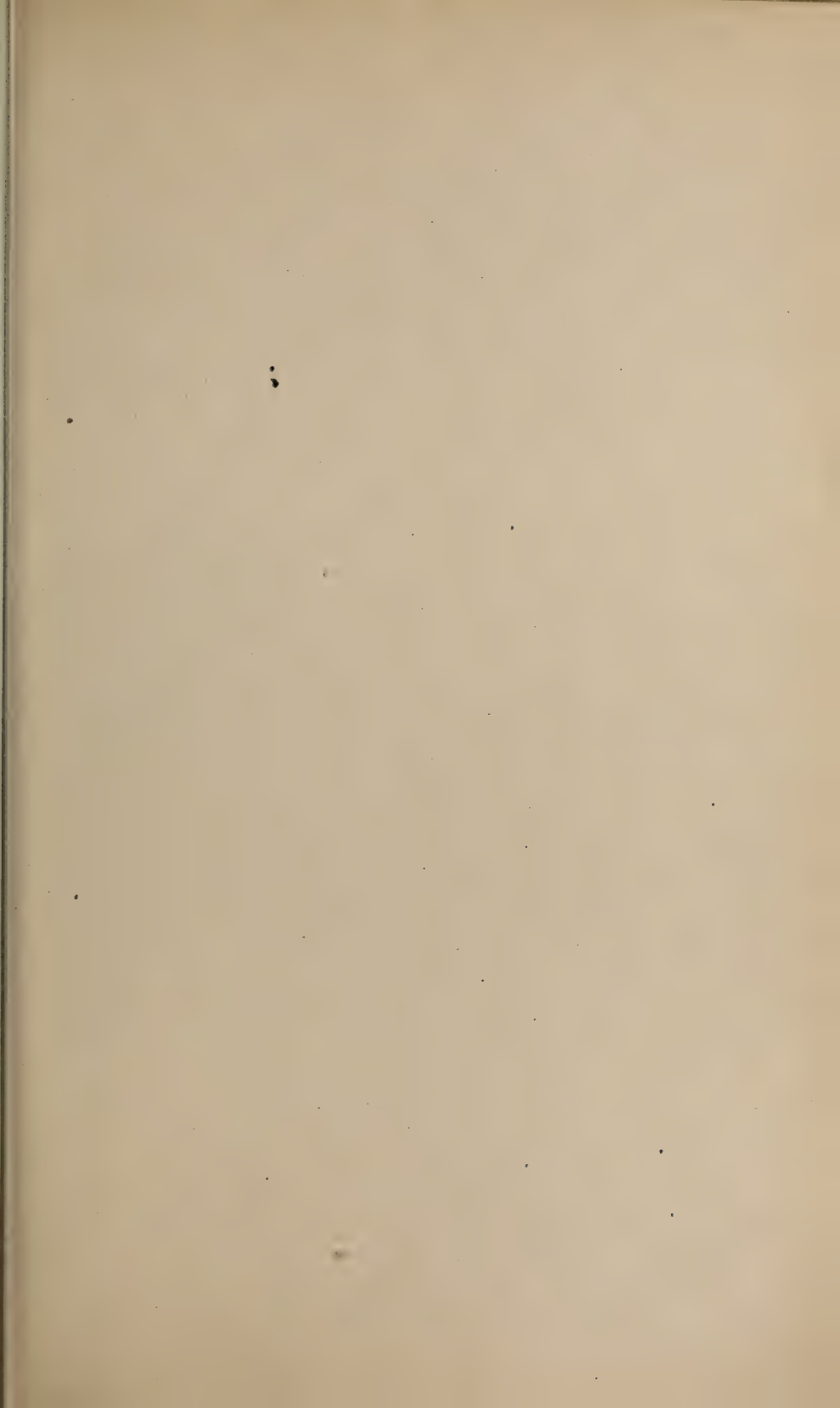
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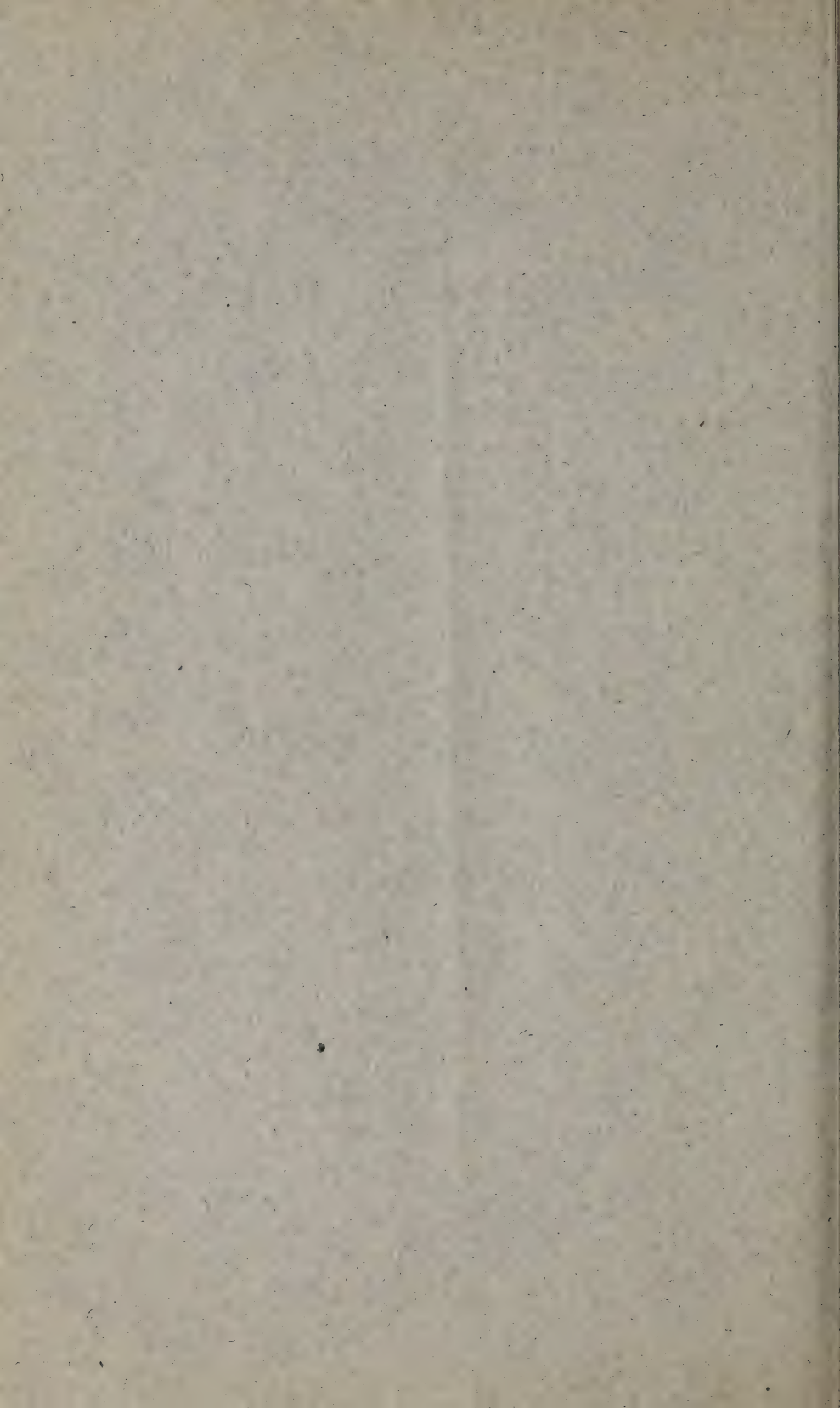
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CHAS. H. WASHBURN, WEST NEWTON.

REPORT.

The work of the Children's Aid Society embraces the care of the Home at Pine Farm with its thirty boys; the visitation by Miss Burnham, at the City Jail and afterwards at their homes, of the children who are found by her in the Jail; and also the selection by "Uncle Cook" out of all the boys who are brought into the City Courts, of those who most need and will be most benefitted by the reformatory influences of Pine Farm, besides a large and loving watchfulness over many others who remain in the City.

Pine Farm has had another year of peaceful life, making no display but showing the best results in the character of the boys. Thirty boys, when we are full, are gathered into an old fashioned home, under the best influences of affection and interest, of firm and kindly interest.

Critics often call the present age, an age of sadness. Certainly the darker phases of human life seem to be attracting a large measure of public thought and study. It is on this dark side of life, that the problem seems almost insoluble, or the solution seems so terrible that one almost prefers to shrink back into uncertainty.

The lot of those great masses of mankind, who seem condemned not only to hopeless poverty, but are steeped from infancy in vice, is the tough question for christianity. as it is a blot on our boasted civilization. Sad indeed is the fate of the children of the poor, who are left, orphans, to knock and be knocked about among the crowds of a great city. But of all the sad sights which may be found there, none seems so awful as that of a child, born into a foul home, where instead of the wise care of loving parents, his tender years are poisoned with their vices.

It is the fate of boys thus exposed to cruel danger which especially

appeals to the christian sympathies as well as the enlightened self-interest of thoughtful people. Self-interest alone would teach us that nothing can be so expensive to the community as to allow bad boys to grow up into worse men, to burden the public with costly jails, prisons, police, detectives, together with the support of the criminals, besides all the losses of theft, burglary and arson. Rogues are an expensive luxury.

No reasons of policy like these are needed by anyone familiar with the scenes of the Court room, where boys of tender years are called up in the dock, as petty criminals, usually for a first offence, and yet living in homes where bad will soon develop into worse. They are at the door of life. The future is just opening before them. The two paths divide. It is the crisis of their fate. Perhaps only a fragment of the boy's life is learned in Court. The police have seen and known him a few months or years. Perhaps the trouble is a bad home, or often it is older and bad companions, or it may be neglect. Sometimes it is the boy's own violent and unruly spirit. It may be persistent truancy or perhaps thieving. Enough at any rate is told to prove that the boy is exposed to extreme danger, if not already on the road to ruin. Left to himself or to his home, or sent to jail, his career may be only downwards, till he is at last lost.

It is boys like these that the Children's Aid Society aims to save; taking them into the open doors of its Home at Pine Farm, in West Newton, at the critical ages of twelve and thirteen years, and sometimes of a younger age, before vice has gained too firm a grip, when life can still be moulded, when bad habits can be expelled, and good habits be implanted.

The Board of Managers adopted at the origin of this Society as the two fundamental principles of their efforts to help and save boys, to place them in a HOME, and on a FARM. Life on a farm, away from the temptations and allurements and artificialities of the city, is free and simple, wholesome and healthy. Life in one's own home, when it is worthy of the name and what God meant it should be, is the boy's best life. But when the boy has no home, or its ways are evil, and he must be taken out of its miasma to be saved, surely the best place for him is a Home like that of this Society, coming as near

as may be to the best natural home. Accordingly thirty was fixed as the limit, the largest number of boys, which it was wise to gather under one roof. Everything of the nature of an Institution has always been avoided. In an old farm house with wings added for dormitories and evenings, our boys, never over thirty, make indeed a happy home.

The farm it was easy to buy, and the location was well chosen. The best elements of a home it is very hard to provide, depending so largely on the farmer and his family who may undertake the charge. The admirable spirit and the excellent results of our Pine Farm are due to the devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Washburn who have now for so many years been indeed a father and a mother to the boys who have come up into our Home, staid there to learn its spirit, and then gone out into life, so changed.

Soon after the boy comes there, his suspicions pass away, his wild ways relax, and his face grows gentler, when he finds the kick and cuff and blow, which he may be accustomed to, no longer come. It is a pleasant sight to see the nature unfold and grow in an atmosphere of love.

A firm hand guides and is needed to guide so many boys, and the responsibility of having them all to look after is indeed wearing. It is no slight study to understand the character of each of these boys and learn how to treat each most judiciously.

The Managers feel deeply grateful to Mr. Washburn and to his wife for their faithful management of the Home and for their devotion to the boys so many years.

The constant drain upon their strength and health, so long continued, led the Board to ask them to take a long vacation last summer, the first of any length they have ever taken. Three months rest at the sea-shore sent them back greatly refreshed. During these months the Home went on excellently under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, their son-in-law and daughter; Mrs. Davis had till recently been a teacher in the school and had lived so long at the Home as to know it thoroughly.

The year at Pine Farm has been quiet, happy and prosperous. The health of the boys has been excellent.

Miss Warren has kept the school as usual five days in the week and the boys have made good progress in their studies. Friday morning, every fortnight, they are taught to write letters to their friends.

The work on the farm has gone on as always, greatly facilitated by the new and commodious barn built in 1877. The boys learn most of the work which is done on any farm, including milking the cows, driving horses, hoeing, haying, ploughing and planting. The long list of crops which Mr. Washburn's Report contains, shows the varied farm work of the boys and its excellent results.

To increase this farm work among the boys, as well as partly to relieve Mr. Washburn, the managers have recently (May 1st.) engaged Robert Trout, one of our former boys and now grown into a sturdy and worthy young man, at a cost of seventy-five dollars yearly besides his board and lodging.

Besides farm work, a few of the boys are taught printing. During the year we have paid for another printing press, for a different branch of printing work, at a cost of \$212 which has been wholly paid for out of the profits of the printing; besides which the Treasury has received a net profit of \$261.81. This department is under the charge of Benj. T. Henry.

We have been well pleased to receive from farmers mostly in this state, applications for all the boys fit to go on to farms this spring. This is in response to advertisements in the *Ploughman* and *New England Farmer*.

Mr. Washburn always ascertains that the farmer will give the boy a good home before he is sent.

Fourteen boys were thus placed under excellent care this spring. This is the season when boys are most in demand on farms, and we send off all who are ready.

This clearing off leaves room for new boys. Fifteen boys were admitted to the Home this year. We have twenty-two now, and the vacant beds will soon be filled with others, following along the same bright path.

Of course we may not expect to have all turn out good men. Some boys may fall back into their old bad ways. But even with

them, the good influences they carry away, apparently concealed, may spring up into life years after and be of great value. But in the great majority of cases the effect is so marked, and the result so successful that the Board feels sure that this charity well deserves the firm hold it has on the judgment and the aid of all its friends and supporters, and of the public.

The invested funds have been increased not only by the judicious investments of the Treasurer, but by three gifts from friends deceased. A legacy of \$1000 was given by Mr. George Bemis, which will long keep fresh the memory of one who was so interested in this work in his life-time. Mrs. E. W. Vose also kindly remembered this work with a legacy of \$100, and the Treasurer has received a deposit of \$1000 made in the Savings Bank for this society by Miss C. L. Donnison, making in all \$2000 given by her.

The Board remember with pleasure how much we owe to Mr. Trowbridge for his excellent instruction of the boys in music, and the lady, Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, who has so long paid the salary of Mr. Trowbridge may be assured of the good results of her generosity.

The board feel that one reason why the community should be ready to continue their support, is the careful economy which has always been enforced at Pine Farm, and especially by Mr. and Mrs. Washburn. The total cost at the Farm for the year, has been \$3,678 03
To meet which the Farm and Printing Press earned— 514 54
\$3,163 49

If we deduct the salary of the teacher of the school, \$192
and an estimate of her board, \$156—

348 00

net cost of Home, \$2,815 49

As our Home is nearly always full with its 30 boys, this would make the average cost about \$100 a year for each boy, excluding the school.

We hardly know of any Home, or Farm, or Institution for Boys, which can show more economical administration than this.

We have dwelt thus fully on the facts that this Society thought wise to adopt the principle of the family or home, which all our experience has proved judicious, and also that a small home may be managed with successful economy, because our public reformatories

for children, both of the City and the State, seem tending in the direction of great size, bringing hundreds of boys or girls into one mass.

If it is not respectful to condemn what our public authorities are doing, we may at least invite attention to what we believe a wiser way; not to herd them into great institutions or great masses, but to keep them in Homes of moderate size, under family influence.

The 14th annual report of the "Home for Little Boys," near Farmington, in Kent in England, lays great stress on this principle:

"While making provision for the ultimate reception of 300 boys, the Committee have sought to avoid the evil of congregating children of this class in large numbers. The buildings about to be erected are, therefore, designed so that not more than thirty boys shall live in one house. These will be placed under the charge of a man and his wife, who as the father and mother of the family, will be responsible for their domestic training. During the day the men from the several houses will be in charge of the workshops, for it is a principle of the Institution, that, while the children shall receive a sound useful education, they shall also be taught at as early an age as possible, to earn their own livelihood."

Ten Cottages are there grouped together, each with its 30 boys, each under a mechanic and his wife. Thus ten trades are represented by the head-men and can be taught to the boys.

Another Branch of the work of this Society has gone on, making up fifteen years of constant work of Miss L. B. Burnham, who as our agent visits the City Jail daily, making the acquaintance of all the boys and girls whose unhappy fate takes them inside its walls. All these she sees and talks with, and learns their history and home and family. The poor creatures are there perhaps for a month, or a week or two, oftener for only a few days. They have nothing to do, no work; Miss Burnham has received from friends, boy's books and other suitable reading matter, which she loans to the little prisoners, to their great relief and peace.

No better use of reading matter suited to youth, whether story books or illustrated papers, can be made by any person whose eye may read these words, than to mail it to Miss Burnham, at the City Jail, on Charles Street.

After the children— usually boys, for girls more rarely enter— get out of jail, Miss Burnham sees them at their homes, making on an average after her work in the jail is done, two visits daily. She then has them in her eye and under her influence, to do all that may be possible to keep them from evil ways.

In her report dated Aug. 31, 1878. she writes :—

“There have been quite a number in some of the time, not many just now, and yet they come and go several at a time, as many stay a few days only ; 4 weeks some stay—and a week at a time ; some 5 or 6, for *taking milk from door-steps*. One boy was pardoned after being here 20 days, well cared for at home, was easily influenced by boys and did as they did. He learned the folly of it and got out in time not to get used to jail, as a long stay hardens, I think.”

During the year an application was made to the board of Managers to found a News-boys Home in the City, where boys might live, going out daily to their work. A Committee was appointed and after a careful investigation arrived at the conclusion, at once creditable to the City and gratifying to all who are interested in the young, that the need of any such institution did not exist in Boston. Of course any home opened for boys would soon be filled ; but inquiries of the Police, of the excellent Board of Truant Officers, including the officer in charge of licensing news-boys and boot-blacks, and also at the Provident office, all showed that there was no considerable numbers of poor boys in Boston without homes of some kind ; certainly not enough to justify a new Institution.

ROBERT TREAT PAINE, JR.

June 13, 1879.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

CROPS GROWN ON PINE FARM, 1878.

Hay, about	9 tons.	Mangel Wurzels,	146 bush.
Oat Fodder,	2 "	Carrots,	6 "
Corn Fodder,	2 "	Tomatoes,	18 "
Strawberries,	590 boxes	Sweet Corn,	48 "
Peas,	10 bush.	Yellow Corn,	22 "
Green Beans,	5 "	Oats,	15 "
Dry Beans,	2 "	Squashes,	4 bbls.
Potatoes,	6 "	Apples,	14 "
Beets,	16 "	Butchered Pork,	3490 lbs.
Ruta Bagas,	68 "	Butter made,	327 "

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries,	\$ 64 56
Eggs,	7 30
Corn,	4 00
Pork,	163 22
	<u>\$239 08</u>

The products of the farm the past year were about on an average with previous years ; but the low prices of everything sold, left no real profit. The fear of potato bugs prevented me from planting many potatoes, as I did not think it safe to use Paris Green, which seems to be the only remedy ; I therefore raised yellow corn in place of potatoes. The roots I fed mostly to cows and hogs, and sold pork at a loss, I think. I had hoped to be able to report more from Boys' labor, but still find it difficult to provide suitable employment ; they have broken quite a pile of stones during the year which have been sold, but not in season to come into this year's account. The picking of hair which they have done years before was given up on account of difficulty in collecting the pay for it. We have done more with the Printing Press than last year, and I see no reason why we cannot do still more the coming year. I desire to thank the many friends who have given us their patronage ; Mr. Trowbridge particularly has manifested much interest in procuring work for the press.

At the Managers Meeting, last June, it was understood that no provision had been made for celebrating the 4th of July ; at that time I received \$16 to be used for that purpose ; afterwards Mr. Cook received the usual contributions and so provided the entertainment as in former years. I used part of the money given me, in buying straw hats and a croquet sett, and with the remainder paid the expense of a sail on the river, which the boys enjoyed very much.

We were all invited to spend the day with Mr. C. W. Hubbard, but were obliged to forego the pleasure as it was not convenient at the time for us to accept the invitation. By invitation we spent an evening with the Rev. Mr. Patrick, which the boys enjoyed as usual. The 22nd of February, Mrs. Hemenway invited us to visit the Old South Church, she paying all the expenses. Another friend paid the car-fare to Boston and return, for the boys to attend a Children's Temperance Gathering in Tremont Temple, to which they were invited. Our Thanksgiving Dinner, was provided by Mrs. E. T. Eldredge; we had also a bountiful supply of good things from the Society of Rev. J. Coleman Adams, and from the Primary Department of the Eliot Sabbath School.

The Christmas Tree was hung with gifts from the same kind friend who has always remembered us at this season of the year. The Charity Circle of West Newton, still continue their deeds of kindness, we having received several tokens of patient industry, besides the usual Christmas Handkerchiefs. Our thanks are due the Editor of the NEWTON JOURNAL, also, Dr. Sanderson, and Dr. Nott, for services rendered during the year.

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31st 1879.

June.—Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing.

Sept.—Mrs. W. W. Keith, Newtonville, Clothing; Mr. Chas. Robinson, Jr., W. Newton, Pears; Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing.

Oct.—Mr. L. G. Pratt, W. Newton, Clothing; Julius L. Clarke, W. Newton, 8 bbls. of Apples; Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing.

Nov.—Mrs. C. H. Holbrook, Boots and Overcoat; Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, West Newton, 5 Turkeys, \$100 for Singing Master; Charity Circle, W. Newton, Two Quilts; J. Coleman Adams' Society, Newtonville, Turkey, Cake and Pies; Primary Department of Eliot Sabbath School, 2 Turkeys, Cake, Pies, Nuts &c., two Games; E. B. Bowen, Newton Centre, 6 pairs Shoes; Mrs. J. Johnson, two Coats and Vest.

Dec.—Miss Susan Lawrence, 30 Prang's Chromos, and copies of Harper's Weekly and Youth's Companion, for one year; Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing; Mrs. Noyes, Bundle of Clothing, Boots and Shoes; a Friend, Jacket and Pants; Charity Circle, W. Newton, 30 Handkerchiefs.

Jan.—Misses Grey, Cambridgeport, Mittens and Handkerchiefs; J. Franklin Fnlter, two pairs of Skates; Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, Piano Cloth, and Tea.

Feb.—Mrs. A. Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing; a Friend, for Library \$1; Charity Circle, W. Newton, one Quilt.

Mar.—Mr. Blackwell, Newton, Collars; Field, Allan & Lawrence, Boston, one Side of Sole Leather; Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing; Charity Circle, W. Newton, one Quilt.

May.—Mr. S. M. Jackson, Newton Centre, use of horse, one day, plowing.

C. H. WASHBURN, SUPT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Income, Loring Fund for Boys' Home,	\$ 44 00	
" Abigail Loring Fund for Boys' Home,	408 00	
" Cornelia Loring Fund to be used for salaries,	120 00	
" Waterston Fund for Boys' Home,	156 00	
" Joy Fund for Boys' Home,	250 00	
" Donnison Fund for Boys' Home,	420 75	
" Seth Adams Fund for Boys' Home,	41 05	
" Hemenway Fund for Boys' Home,	90 00	
" Shaw Fund for Boys' Home,	35 04	\$1,564 84
" Shaw Fund for Girls,		300 00
" Shaw Fund for Girls, loan collected,		900 00
Subscriptions,	\$1,825 00	
Donations,	1,003 45	
Farm Produce sold,	241 10	
Proceeds Boys Labor picking hair,	11 63	
Proceeds Printing Press,	\$473 81	
less paid for new Printing Press,	212 00	261 81
		3,342 99
Legacy from George Bemis,		1,000 00
Legacy from Mrs. E. Vose,		100 00
Gift of Miss C. L. Donnison, additional to previous gift of same amount,		1,000 00
		<u>\$8,207 83</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Balance overdrawn last year,		\$105 59
Salaries in Boston,		610 00
Salaries at Pine Farm,	\$1,416 48	
Clothing,	61 95	
Provisions,	880 10	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1,259 50	3,618 03

INVESTMENTS OF LEGACIES AND GIFTS.

\$2,000 00 Burlington & Missouri R. R. in Nebraska, 6 per cent Bonds,	bought for	2,109 13
8 Shares Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R. R.	" "	527 01
Income Shaw Fund for Girls,—loaned on demand,		1,200 00
Balance on hand,		38 07
		<u>\$8,207 83</u>

BOSTON, JUNE 9th, 1879.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above accounts of E. JACKSON, Treasurer, and find them correct, with proper vouchers; and I have also verified the invested Property held by the Society in the hands of the Treasurer.

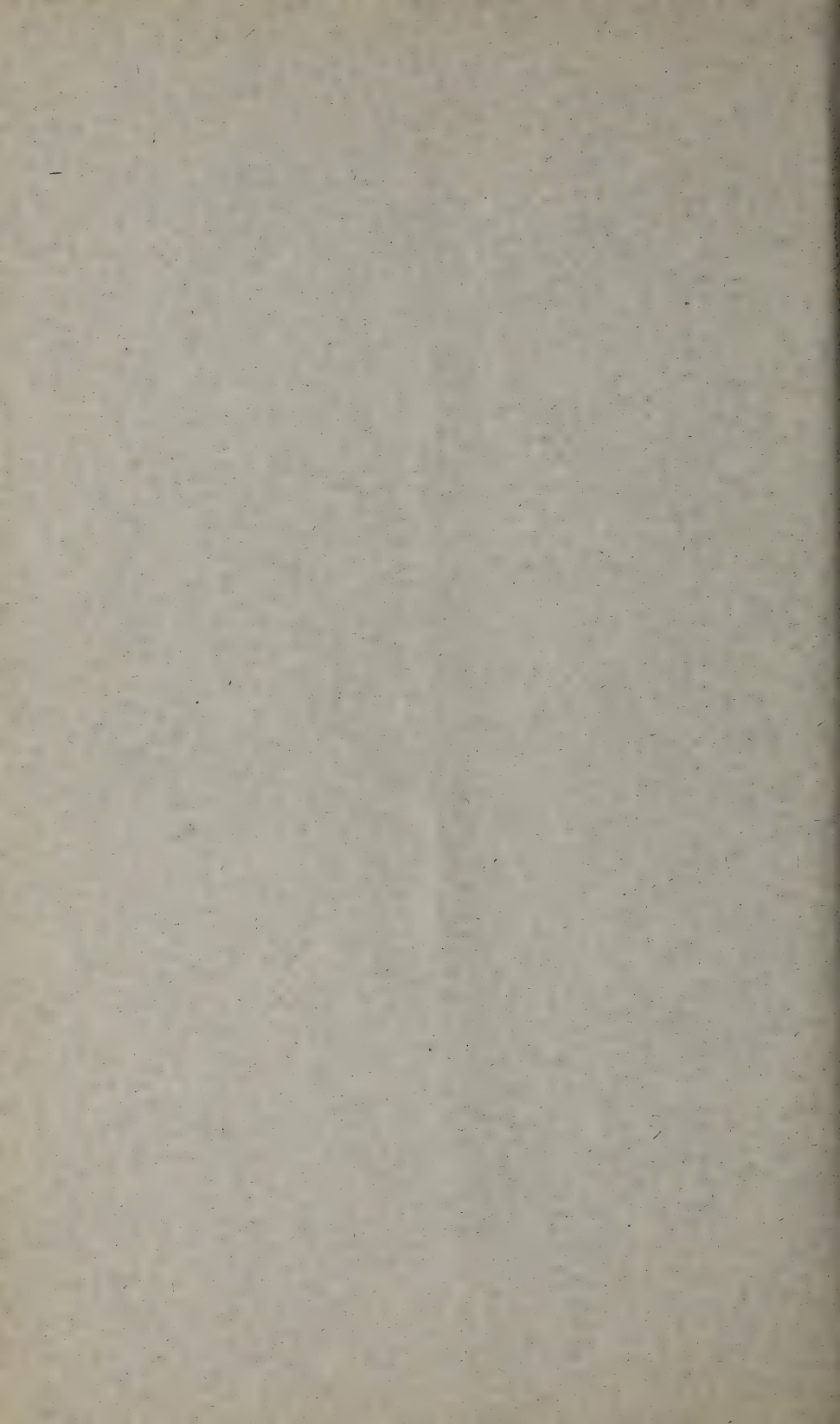
C. W. SCUDDER, *Auditor.*

DONATIONS.

Mrs. P. C. Brooks,	\$ 10 00
Wm. I. Bowditch,	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Coolidge, Jr.,	5 00
Mrs. F. Cunningham, Jr.,	25 00
Mrs. S. Hooper,	50 00
George Higginson,	50 00
Mrs. George D. Howe,	5 00
H. H. Hunnewell,	25 00
Mrs. David P. Kimball,	50 00
Henry Lee,	10 00
Miss S. M. Lawrence,	50 00
Miss H. D. Lawrence,	25 00
Dr. L. B. Russel,	5 00
B. C. White,	5 00
Mrs. E. Wigglesworth,	25 00
Miss Mary Pratt,	100 00
Mrs. Hemenway, for Christmas.	50 00
Mrs. C. T. Hubbard,	20 00
Miss Murdock,	10 00
J. F. Fuller,	3 00
Susan Cabot Benevolent Fund,	50 00
Sanders Fund,	150 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Association,	200 00
Proceeds Sale by four little girls,	6 25
Newtonville Congregational Society,	16 20
Auburndale Congregational Society,	20 00
Pastor's Class, Auburndale Congregational Society,	3 00
Mrs. D. Slade, for Stove,	10 00
Miss Ellen L. Frost, for Stove and Ice Chest,	20 00
	<u>\$1,003 45</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

F. Amory,.....	\$ 25 00	H. P. Kidder,.....	\$ 50 00
George Atkinson,.....	10 00	Miss G. Lowell.....	25 00
Seth Bemis,.....	25 00	J. A. Lowell,.....	10 00
Martin Brimmer,.....	25 00	John Lowell.....	10 00
Mrs. H. Bryant,.....	20 00	Mrs. J. E. Lodge,.....	10 00
W. S. Bullard,.....	20 00	Theodore Lyman,.....	20 00
Mrs. David Buck,.....	5 00	G. R. Minot,.....	10 00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch,.....	50 00	Misses Paine,.....	25 00
J. I. Bowditch,.....	20 00	R. T. Paine, Jr.,.....	50 00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Boston,.....	20 00	John Parkman,.....	10 00
Mrs. S. Cabot, Brookline,.....	10 00	T. D. Quincy,.....	5 00
W. C. Cabot,.....	15 00	John Rogers,.....	10 00
Rev. J. F. Clarke,.....	10 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw,.....	25 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis,.....	10 00	Benj. Sewall,.....	50 00
James Davis,.....	10 00	N. Thayer,.....	100 00
J. H. Dane,.....	5 00	Mrs. J. Tolman,.....	25 00
Oliver Ditson,.....	25 00	Mrs. P. H. Sears,.....	10 00
W. Endicott, Jr.,.....	100 00	H. Saltonstall,.....	100 00
Mrs. B. D. Greene,.....	10 00	Miss M. A. Wales,.....	200 00
R. C. Greenleaf,.....	50 00	Misses Wigglesworth,.....	50 00
H. S. Grew,.....	25 00	T. Wigglesworth,.....	20 00
G. A. Goddard,.....	25 00	Hon. R. C. Winthrop,.....	5 00
E. W. Hooper,.....	50 00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop,.....	5 00
Miss Alice Hooper,.....	100 00	C. E. Ware,.....	15 00
Mrs. Hemenway,.....	200 00	Edward Whitney,.....	20 00
C. T. Hubbard,.....	50 00	Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright,.....	5 00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes,.....	10 00	Miss Young,.....	5 00
Mrs. C. Jackson,.....	10 00		
Miss E. Jackson,.....	10 00		
Edward Jackson,.....	10 00		
			\$1,825 00



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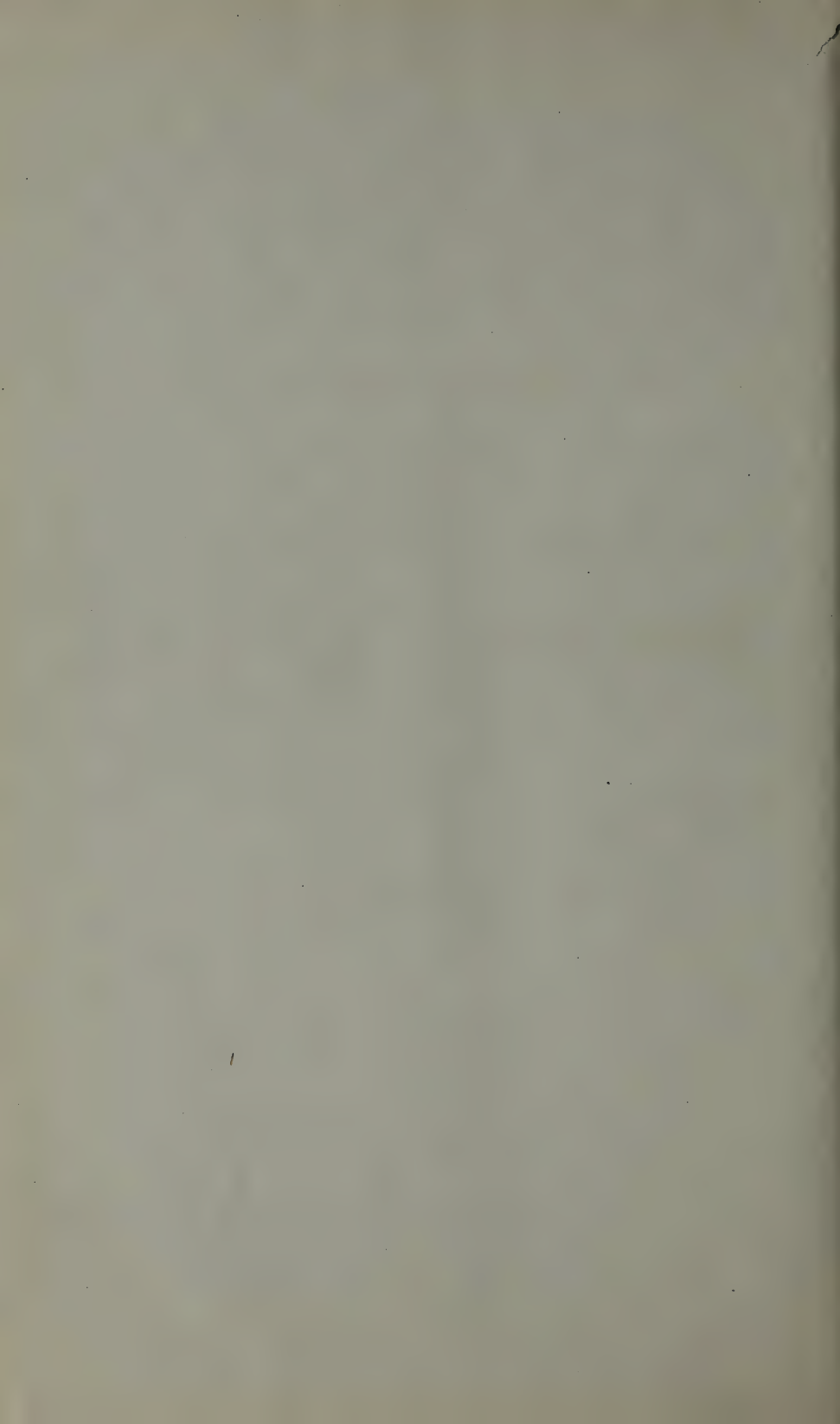
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June, Mr. & Mrs. CLAFLIN.

July, Mrs. ELDREDGE.

Aug., Mr. R. T. PAINE, JR.

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Oct., Mr. CLARKE, Miss LAWRENCE.

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Mar., Mr. HOOPER, Miss L. LORING.

Apr., Miss LOWELL, G. A. GODDARD.

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Committee on Girls' Fund.

MISS LAWRENCE

E. W. HOOPER.

MISS PAINE.

General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK, 36 WOODBINE STREET, HIGHLAND DISTRICT, BOSTON.

Superintendent.

CHAS. H. WASHBURN, WEST NEWTON.

REPORT.

Another year of good work has been accomplished by the Children's Aid Society at the Pine Farm School, which has had, most of the time, a full number (30) of boys. Twenty-three have been received during the past year. The health of its inmates, both teachers and pupils has been good, and those boys who have been placed on farms or in other employments, have been started in a fair way to follow useful lives.

But little new can be said in regard to the objects and aims of the society so fully described in the reports of the past few years.* The Board of Managers are more and more convinced with the experience of added years, that in no other way can the care and training of this class of boys, be so successfully conducted, as by trying to surround them with some of the healthy home influences of which their previous lives have been so sadly destitute.

Our valued friends, Mr. and Mrs. Washburn still carry on the work for us in the same able and faithful manner, assisted the past few months by their son, Mr. Francis Washburn and his wife. It is their aim to keep the boys usefully occupied and to foster their interest in the home, whose expenses are partly defrayed by their labor.

*NOTE. Especially in the last one by R. T. PAINE. JR.

The printing press is still a source of income and the singing class, so ably conducted by Mr. Trowbridge, still lends its refining influence to the school and adds to its pleasures. Miss Burnham continues her faithful and valuable labors at the Charles Street Jail where her counsel and help are freely bestowed on the unfortunate juvenile inmates.

Our esteemed Agent, 'Uncle Cook' as well as Mrs. Cook, are, as they always have been, unremitting in their devotion to the work of the Society.

From time to time, the condition of the house at Pine Farm, now more than a century old, has demanded the attention of the managers. Early in the present year it was thought best to make a careful examination of it, which resulted in the discovery that the state of the building was such as to require the outlay of a larger sum than it was thought wise to expend on so old a structure. This report was made to the managers and it was decided to ask the friends of the home for aid in the erection of a new building, simple, but better suited to our wants than the old one could be made. A generous response was received and a sufficient sum subscribed to enable us to undertake the work, and a building committee of ladies and gentlemen has procured plans which are still under consideration. We expect that another winter will find the boys under a new roof.

Legacies have been received during the year from the late Benjamin Sewall of \$4000, and from Mrs. Thornton, of \$100, through Hon. J. F. C. Hyde, for both of which we are very grateful.

The income from the Shaw fund for Girls, which for some time has been accumulating, has been utilized by a committee

of ladies appointed since our last annual meeting. They report that "they have procured homes for three girls, between ten and thirteen years of age, in the country, where they are well cared for and surrounded by Christian influences. These children had serious faults, and places could not easily be found for them in the Industrial School or elsewhere, as it was feared their influence would be bad on those about them, and that they needed more individual care than could be bestowed upon them in an institution. These three have already shown much improvement and give us reason to think that the money is well appropriated."

The Superintendent's report, printed herewith, gives interesting items as to the products of the farm, and the kindness of its friends, to whom we would offer our thanks with the hope that the record of the past year's work will encourage their continued interest in the Home.

For the Managers,

HENRY S. GREW.

June 11, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand June, 1879, 38 07

RECEIPTS.

Income, Shaw Fund for Girls, loan collected,	\$1,200	
" " " " "	<u>337 50</u>	\$1, 537 50

BOYS' HOME.

Income, Loring Fund,	\$ 44 00	
" Abigail Loring Fund,	408 00	
" Corneila Loring Fund, for salaries,	120 00	
" Waterston Fund,	156 00	
" Joy Fund,	250 00	
" Donnison Fund,	100 40	
" Seth Adams Fund,	36 00	
" Hemenway Fund,	122 00	
" Bemis Fund,	60 00	
" Shaw Fund,	40 00	
" Other sources,	<u>76 81</u>	\$1,413 21
Subscriptions,	\$1,625 00	
Donations,	743 96	
Farm Produce sold,	207 70	
Boys' Labor,	13 35	
Printing,	<u>516 01</u>	3,106 02
Legacy from Mrs. Thornton,		100 00
" " Benj. Sewall,		4,000 00
Amount collected on subscription for new house,		<u>2,500 00</u>
		<u>\$12, 694 80</u>

EXPENDITURES.

INCOME GIRLS' FUND.

Amount expended in board and care of girls,	177 00
Salaries in Boston,	550 00

BOYS' HOME.

Salaries at Pine Farm.	\$1,387 62	
Clothing,	82 11	
Provisions,	809 88	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	<u>\$1,577 55</u>	3,857 16

INVESTMENTS.

\$4,000 00 Detroit, Lansing & Northern R. R. 7 per cent Bonds,	bought for	4,456 22	
\$4,000 00 Republican Valley R. R. 6 per cent Bonds,	“ “	<u>4,175 33</u>	8,631 55
less 4,000 00 Detroit, Lansing & Northern R. R. 7 per cent Bonds, sold for		<u>4,621 22</u>	
		4,010 33	
2 Shares Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. bought for		<u>230 50</u>	4,240 83

BALANCE.

Income Girls' Fund,	1,360 50	
Subscription for new house,	2,500 00	
Boys' Home,	<u>9 31</u>	3,869 81
		<u>12,694 80</u>

BOSTON, JUNE 1st, 1880.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the Treasurer's accounts for the past year and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. SCUDDER, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

F. Amory,.....	\$25 00	Miss G. Lowell,.....	\$ 25 00
George Atkinson,.....	10 00	J. A. Lowell,.....	10 00
Seth Bemis,.....	25 00	John Lowell,.....	10 00
Martin Brimmer,.....	25 00	Mrs. J. E. Lodge,.....	10 00
Mrs. H. Bryant,.....	20 00	Theodore Lyman,.....	20 00
W. S. Bullard,.....	20 00	G. R. Minot,.....	10 00
Mrs. David Buck,.....	5 00	Mrs. S. T. Morse, 2 years,.....	50 00
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch,	50 00	Misses Paine,.....	25 00
J. I. Bowditch,.....	30 00	R. T. Paine, Jr.,.....	50 00
Dr. S. Cabot,.....	20 00	Rev. John Parkman,.....	10 00
Mrs. S. Cabot,.....	10 00	T. D. Quincy,.....	5 00
W. C. Cabot,.....	15 00	John Rogers,.....	10 00
Rev. J. F. Clarke,.....	10 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw,.....	25 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis,.....	10 00	Mrs. P. H. Sears,.....	10 00
James Davis,.....	10 00	H. Saltonstall,.....	100 00
J. H. Dane,.....	5 00	N. Thayer,.....	100 00
Oliver Ditson,.....	25 00	Mrs. J. Tolman,.....	25 00
W. Endicott, Jr.,.....	100 00	Miss M. A. Wales,.....	200 00
Mrs. B. D. Greene,.....	10 00	Misses Wigglesworth,.....	50 00
R. C. Greenleaf,.....	50 00	T. Wigglesworth,.....	20 00
H. S. Grew,.....	25 00	Hon. R. C. Winthrop,.....	5 00
E. W. Hooper,	50 00	Mrs. R. C. Winthrop,.....	5 00
Mrs. Hemenway,.....	100 00	C. E. Ware,.....	15 00
C. T. Hubbard,.....	50 00	Mrs. C. E. Ware,.....	15 00
Mrs. O. W. Holmes,.....	10 00	Miss M. L. Ware,.....	10 00
Miss E. Jackson,.....	10 00	Edward Whitney,	20 00
Edward Jackson,.....	10 00	Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright,.....	5 00
H. P. Kidder,.....	50 00	Miss Young,.....	5 00
		\$ 1,625 00	

DONATIONS.

Mrs. G. M. Barnard,	\$ 100 00
Thos. P. Beal,	10 00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks,	10 00
Mrs. J. T. Coolidge, Jr.,	5 00
George Higginson,	50 00
H. H. Hunnewell,	25 00
Mrs. David P. Kimball,	25 00
Mrs. C. Johnson,	20 00
Henry Lee,	10 00
Dr. L. B. Russell,	5 00
B. C. White,	5 00
Mrs. E. Wigglesworth,	25 00
Miss Mary Pratt,	50 00
Mrs. I. N. Tarbox,	3 00
Mrs. D. Slade, for Stove,	5 00
Miss Simmons,	1 00
Miss Maria Murdock,	10 00
Mrs. Hemenway, for Christmas,	50 00
P. C. Brooks, for Thanksgiving,	50 00
Susan Cabot Benevolent Fund,	50 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Association,	200 00
Pastor's Class, Auburndale Congregational Society,	5 00
North Village Sunday School Collection,	2 21
Newtonville Reform Club,	22 75
George Gardner,	5 00
	\$743 96

At the regular monthly meeting of the Directors of BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY held April 2, 1875, after due notification, a quorum being present, the following statement was read, and the following Votes were thereupon passed:—

“Whereas: Mary Louisa Shaw late of Boston, deceased, by her last will duly proved, approved, and allowed at Probate Court held in Boston, on the 11th day of May, A. D. 1874, made the following bequest, viz:

“*Twenty-first*: I give the sum of six thousand dollars to the BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, and direct that five thousand dollars thereof shall be appropriated by said society for its Home for Girls at Newton Centre, and one thousand dollars for its Home for Boys at West Newton.”

And whereas: said Home for Girls at Newton Centre, has been discontinued by this society, so that literal compliance with the conditions of said bequest is not at present practicable; and whereas by the terms of said will, if said legacy should be deemed as lapsed, it would form part of the residue of the estate which the Executors of said will would have power to distribute for such purposes of charity as they may designate, and said Executors have offered to pay said legacy in full if the society will accept it upon the conditions set forth in the following Vote, it was thereupon *Voted*—

Voted: That the Directors of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY on behalf of the corporation, in consideration of the premises, and of the payment of six thousand dollars by Lemuel Shaw and Henry S. Russell, Executors of the will of M. Louisa Shaw, deceased, and for the purpose of carrying into effect the interest of the testatrix, do hereby agree to cause the sum of five thousand dollars to be invested as a separate and permanent fund, and to devote the income of said fund to aiding and educating girls, until a Home for Girls shall be reestablished by the society, when the fund shall be appropriated to such Home; provided however if this society shall be dissolved, that the fund aforesaid shall be transferred to some other society or institution the main purpose of which shall be to provide homes for destitute girls.

Voted: That the sum of one thousand dollars of said legacy be appropriated to the use of the Home for Boys at West Newton.

Voted: That Edward Jackson, the Treasurer of this corporation be and he hereby is authorized, to accept the said legacy from said Executors, and to give them due receipt and acquittance for the same, and to execute an agreement on behalf of and in the name of, this corporation, to comply with the conditions set forth in the foregoing votes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

CROPS GROWN ON PINE FARM, 1879.

Hay, about	6 tons.	Tomatoes,	8 bush.
Oat Fodder,	2 "	Mangel Wurzels,	140 "
Corn Fodder,	2 "	Carrots,	5 "
Strawberries,	958 boxes	Ruta Bagas,	68 "
Peas,	6 bush.	Flat Turnips,	127 "
Sweet Corn,	28 "	Yellow Corn,	11 "
Green Beans,	3 "	Squashes,	2 bbls.
Dry Beans,	1 "	Apples,	3 "
Potatoes,	68 "	Butchered Pork,	525 lbs.
Beets,	8 "	Butter made,	283 "

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries,	.	.	.	.	\$ 116 16
Eggs,	.	.	.	.	45 51
Pork,	.	.	.	.	9 25
Turnips,	.	.	.	.	9 20
Fowls,	.	.	.	.	21 80
					\$ 201 92

In consequence of drought in the early part of the season and the very severe hail-storm in July, many of the crops were injured, and some were totally ruined. The hay crop was much lighter than usual and for the first time we have been obliged to buy hay. The strawberry crop was good, and we hope by another year to show still better returns from small fruits.

The Printing has been a source of income yielding a fair return and furnishing employment to a few boys; and still more may be employed when we can find the right kind of work.

We are still favored with the services of Mr. Trowbridge in teaching the boys singing, Mrs. Eldredge still contributing for this object.

The holidays were made occasions of pleasure to the boys. The fourth of July entertainment was provided by Mr. Cook, and his friends. Our thanksgiving dinner was abundantly supplied by Mr. Peter C. Brooks of Boston, who also furnished apples during the winter, which were much appreciated by the boys.

Christmas Festival was enjoyed as usual through the liberality of Mrs. A. Hemenway, who has since added another day of pleasure for the boys; on the twenty-second of February she defrayed all the expense of a visit to the "Old South." Our annual visit was made with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hubbard and family of Weston, a day of pleasure that the boys always enjoy.

A boating excursion on Charles river was also made, Mr. R. T. Paine Jr., defraying all expenses. We also enjoyed the annual visit with the Rev. H. J. Patrick and family of W. Newton.

Our thanks are due to the Editor of the Newton Journal, for friendly notices, also to³ Dr. H. L. Sanderson of West Newton, for dental services.

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31st, 1880.

June.—Miss Eliza E. Simmons, West Newton, \$1.00. Mrs. W. A. Wardwell. Newton Centre, Clothing and Shoes.

July.—Mrs. C. E. Ranlett, Auburndale, Hats and Boots.

Sept.—Mr. Chas. Robinson, Jr., W. Newton. Pears; Mr. David Howland, W. Newton, Pears; Newton Horticultural Society, Rolls, Coffee, and Melons.

Oct.—Mrs. C. T. Hubbard. Pears and Peaches; Mrs. Daniel Slade, Chesnut Hill, \$5.00 for Stove; Congl. Church & Society, W. Newton, Ham, Cake and Bread; North Village Congl. Sabbath School, \$2.21; Mrs. Wm. Claflin, Newtonville, Clothing.

Nov.—Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, \$100 for Singing Lessons; Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing; Mrs. I. N. Tarbox, West Newton, \$3.00. Primary Department of Eliot Sabbath School, 14 Bags, Pies, Cake, \$1.15; Rev. Calvin Cutler's Class, Auburndale, \$5.00 for Thanksgiving; Universalist Society, Newtonville, Turkey and Pies.

Dec.—Charity Circle, W. Newton, 29 Handkerchiefs; Mrs. George Allen, W. Newton, Clothing and Shoes; Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, \$20 for Slippers; Methodist Society, Newtonville, Cake, Pies, and Meat; Miss Susan M. Lawrence, Brookline, Copy of British Workman.

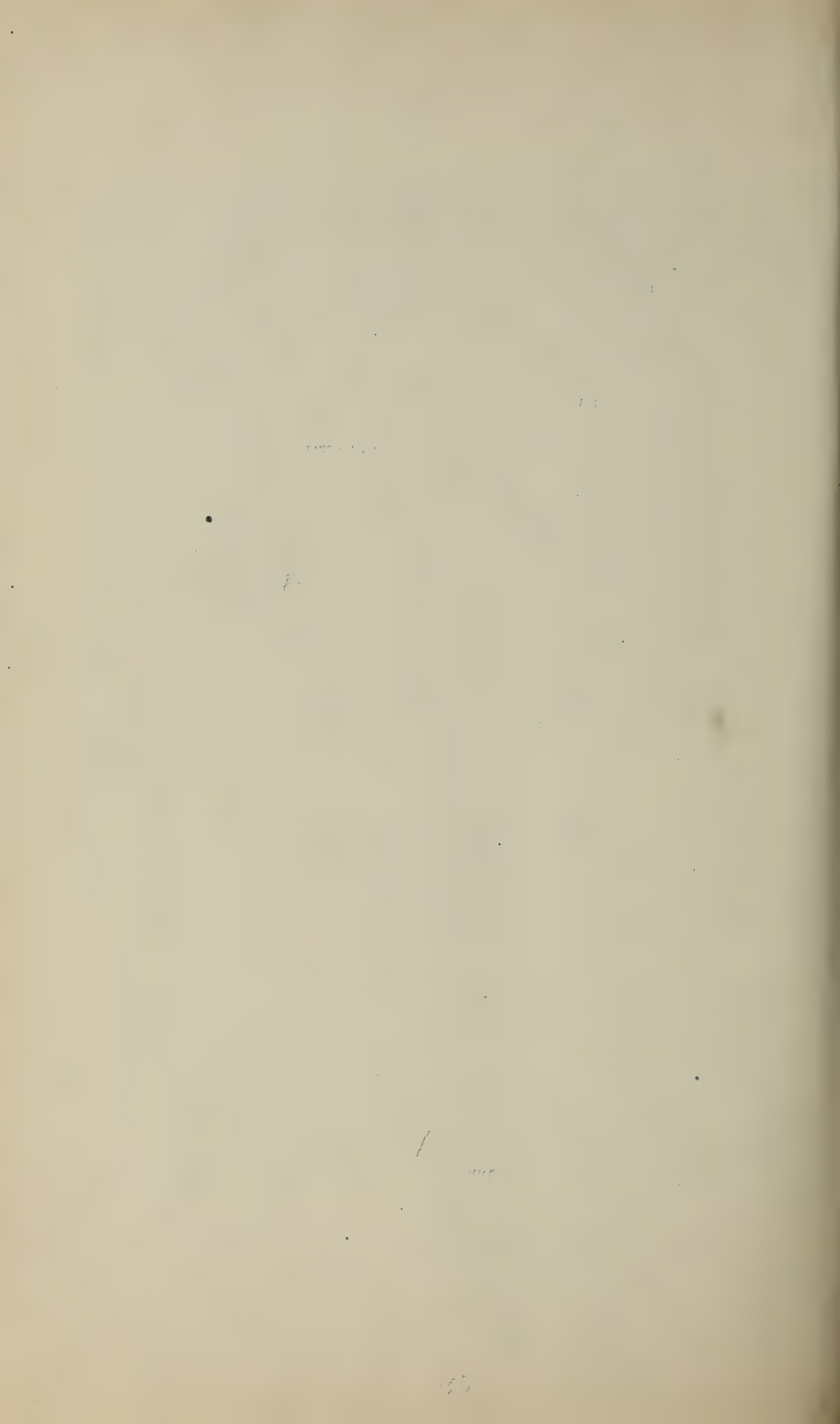
Jan., 1880.—Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Newton Centre, Papers and Books, Copies of St. Nicholas and Harper's Child's Paper; Miss Murdock, Cambridgeport, Copies of Dumb Animals; Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing; West Newton Athenæum, Cake and Sandwiches; Misses E. & R. Grey, Cambridgeport, Mittens and Handkerchiefs.

Mar.—Charity Circle, W. Newton, one Quilt; Mrs. Hiram Barker, Newton, one Overcoat; Mrs. Moses Clark, Newton, Shirts.

Apr.—Mr. R. W. Kendall, W. Newton, four Bundles of New Cloth for Pants; Field, Allen & Lawrence, Boston, one Side of Sole Leather; Knights of Honor, W. Newton, Cake and Rolls.

May.—Mrs. E. B. Bowen, Newton Centre, Clothing, Boots and Shoes; Mrs. Amos Lawrence, Newton Centre, Clothing; From Brookline, Bundle of Clothing.

C. H. WASHBURN, SUPT.



SEVENTEENTH REPORT

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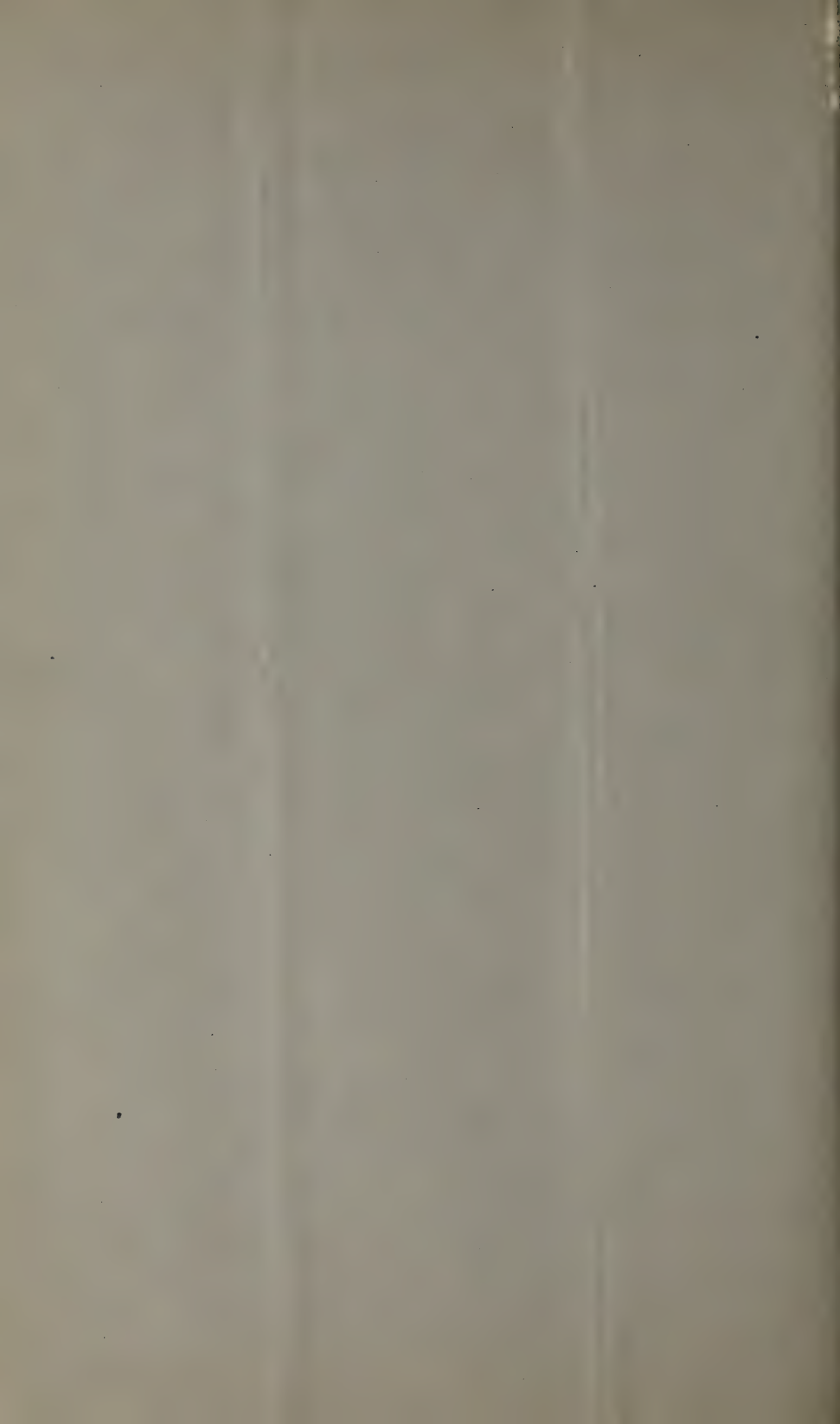
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June, Mr. & Mrs. CLAFLIN.

July, Mrs. ELDRIDGE, Miss HUNNEWELL.

Aug., Mr. R. T. PAINE, JR.

Sept., Mr. & Mrs. C. E. BILLINGS

Oct., Mr. CLARKE, Miss LAWRENCE.

Nov., Mr. & Mrs. C. W. SCUDDER.

Dec., Mr. PARKMAN, Mr. JACKSON.

Jan., Mr. & Mrs. HUBBARD.

Feb., Mr. H. S. GREW.

Mar., Mr. HOOPER, Miss L. LORING.

Apr., Miss LOWELL, G. A. GODDARD

May, Mr. ELLIS, Miss PAINE.

Committee on Girls' Fund.

MISS LAWRENCE.

E. W. HOOPER.

MISS PAINE.

General Agent.

RUFUS R. COOK, 36 WOODBINE STREET, HIGHLAND DISTRICT, BOSTON.

Superintendent.

CHAS. H. WASHBURN, WEST NEWTON.

REPORT.

The name of our Society gives its object, but does not tell what class of children we aid. It is for those who seem to love wrong rather than right, though they may not be more than ten years of age.

Many of the boys come to us through our long tried agent and advocate, "Uncle Cook," who visits the Court rooms daily ; some, through the Truant Officers ; before receiving them, we exact a promise from the parents or guardians, to give them up till they are sixteen years old. They stay with us two or three years usually, until fitted to go into families, where we send them to begin to earn there own living.

Seventeen years ago our Society started their Home for Boys in an old farm house at West Newton ; since then, old boys have gone, new ones come, a constant renewal of the household. Not so with the house ; that has become too old for use, and a year ago, it was thought necessary to build a new one. This is now finished, and stands a few rods from the other. We have tried to keep to the old simplicity in its structure.

The family has moved in, and everything looks bright and comfortable ; yet it is very hard to give up the old building, around which linger so many tender associations ; for it seems a tie that joins us to those dear friends, whose hearts were always so full of love for the Home, but who are now no

longer living. The greatest gift that we can ask is, that the blessings which have fallen on our old Home, may rest on this.

We would here thank the donors of the building fund, for their prompt and generous answer to our call.

It has been a busy year for the boys; for, besides having cultivated more land than ever before, they have helped to make the avenue, the drain and the well; attending school usually five days in the week, which they like better than work.

Their health has been uniformly good; but we have met with a serious loss, by the illness of our Matron, Mrs. Washburn, who has given her life for the boys, for over eleven years, until at last, borne down by her cares, she has been forced to retire from the work. Everyone of us will desire to express to her the sorrow which we feel at her departure, and our sympathy with her in her sickness. No one who has been associated with her, and especially no one who has received the full benefit of her devoted and loving service, will fail to thank her in their hearts.

Mrs. Washburn's place has been filled by Miss Roberts, who shows a great interest. She came to us, at an unfortunate time for her, in the midst of various household changes and moving; but we hope that her hardest duties are over, and that she will not be discouraged.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnshaw took their respective places as farmer and cook, about a month ago; they are interested and energetic, and the boys seem fond of them.

It is now three years that we have employed a farmer; before that, Mr. Washburn undertook this work alone, but the details of it, together with the continued interest which he wishes to have in the boys who have left us, (an important feature of our charity,) are too much for one. He has had an

anxious and laborious year, yet his courage and his energy have never failed.

Twelve boys have left since last June; eight of whom, are on farms, four at their homes.

For several years, the Shaw Fund for Girls has accumulated; we now use it, to place little girls in country families, away from the vicious influences, by which they have been corrupted. We have five. The improvement that these have already shown, gives us great encouragement.

Miss Burnham continues her faithful work of visiting the boys who are in jail; she also interests herself in their homes, that she may bring all the influence possible, to make them good citizens.

As the years go by, we lose our old subscribers; are there not others who will help in this work?

SUSAN M. LAWRENCE,

For the Managers.

June 10, 1881.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

The undersigned respectfully report, that they were appointed in March 1880 a Building Committee to build a new Home for our boys. The new Home is built. It will easily accommodate thirty boys, the full number that our Society have from the start thought wise to collect under one roof, and in case of need it can shelter half a dozen more.

Several points were deemed important in planning the house.

Health came first, and we think the new site is drier and airier, as it is higher than the old.

Reasonable convenience has also been secured for all our uses. Two large, sunny and well ventilated chambers have been provided for the boy's dormitories. Reading room, dining room, kitchen, laundry, besides a parlor for the Superintendent's family, are on the main floor. A large wash room and boot room for the boys are in the basement.

While the house with its two stories and hip roof, is larger than the old house, we have aimed to make it unpretentious and homelike and free from display, and at the same time attractive and tasteful.

The house has cost (including heating apparatus) \$8765.83

The furniture has cost - - - - \$931.03

Making a total of - - - - \$9696.86

We congratulate you that this outlay has been made without encroaching on our funds. Thanks to the generosity of a long list of friends, old and new, gifts were made for this purpose amounting in all to \$10,125.00 A list of all the donors is in the Treasurer's report. And a balance of \$428.14 still remains in the Society's treasury for permanent investment after the house and its finishings are paid for in full.

This gratifying result proves the deep interest which our community take in any wise measure for the welfare of children—in measures adapted to save and train into good men boys peculiarly exposed to danger at a critical age. And it also proves that those who have watched the methods and results of this Pine Farm Home for Boys, believe that it is doing a grand work and deserves to be made a permanent part of the charitable system of a christian people.

We wish to thank the friends of the Society for their interest in this home, and especially our friends in Newton, who in so many ways have done so much.

We now transfer the Home to the Board of Directors, to be placed in the charge of our trusty and devoted Superintendent, Mr. Charles H. Washburn, whose love for boys and long experience fit him so admirably for his post of duty.

We sincerely trust we may soon welcome here Mrs. Washburn, renewing the health she has impaired in her faithful service for the welfare of the boys who have been under her motherly charge,—and finding here a sunny rest and home.

For you, our boys, this is your temporary home. You come from your various lots to us. Here you receive all this care and thought and interest and affection which can be secured for you. You are taught not only to study books, and to work on a farm, but you are taught to be true, brave, honest, and sturdy. You are taught to respect yourselves and others. Once in a while ask yourselves what all this means, why this Home is here, why you are welcomed into it, why kind friends make all this provision for you, and boys who like you will enter here.

It means that many gentleman and ladies love you and wish to do all that can be done, to make you good and true boys, growing into good and true men; but remember also and never forget that your success in life will depend on yourselves.

Learn here and carry away and keep through life the conviction that the world has many good men and women in it, ready to help all who are in need, but that your own success, here and hereafter, will be gained or lost by what you yourselves do and are.

Fill this Home full of the true spirit, virtue, courage, generosity, truth, and a readiness to help each other and all whom you meet, as you see that so many friends have built this Home to help you.

Above all, let this House be full of the spirit and the presence of God. In loving obedience to Him and to His command, that we should leave none of these little ones to perish, this Society opens this Home for you boys.

May His blessing rest upon you and upon this Home, so long as it shall stand.

June 10, 1881.

COMMITTEE.

ROBERT TREAT PAINE, JR.,	CHAS. E. BILLINGS,
CHAS. W. SCUDDER,	SUSAN M. LAWRENCE,
GEORGINA LOWELL.	

NOTE.

“Even while this report is in press, Mrs. Washburn passes away on Sept. 25th., from this life to the rest and joy of Heaven. She was not spared to enter this home alive.

Her funeral took place here Sept. 28th., 1881.”

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Managers of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY at their meeting :—

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to bring sadness, and sorrow to our hearts in removing by death our friend, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Washburn.

Resolved: That we extend to Mr. Washburn, and his family, our deep, and heartfelt sympathy in this great bereavement.

Resolved: That we feel very deeply our loss by the death of Mrs. Washburn, and wish to place upon record our sense of deep obligation to her for her many year's of devotion to the work of our society. The love, and anxious care which she had always given her husband and children, were given in full measure to the boys of the home. Unsparing of herself, and of her health, full of self-sacrifice, she devoted her thought, her sympathy, and her strength to the real welfare of the boys until she was worn out in the service of her master.

Full of piety, and religious life, she sought always to impart to the boys the same deep faith.

The multitude of boys who passed into the Home received from her, influence for good upon their character which will make the power of her life remain, though she has passed away.

In her human way, and according to her human measure, Mrs. Washburn gave her life for our Home, and her name shall be held in dearest, and most honored remembrance.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Washburn, and also that they be embodied in the annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

June 1, 1880, to May 31, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 1880.....	\$3869.81
Income, Shaw Fund for Girls.....	325.00
" from Invested Funds.....	1633.00
Interest on Bank Balance.....	73.02
Subscriptions.....	1655.00
Donations.....	693.00
Legacy from William Monroe, of Concord Mass.....	100.00
Farm Produce sold.....	254.22
Received for Boy's Labor.....	63.60
Earnings from Printing Press.....	357.27
Subscriptions for New House.....	7625.00
	\$16,648.92

EXPENDITURES.

Expended from Shaw Fund for care and support of Girls.....	\$673.50
Paid Annuity from Joy Fund.....	150.00
Salaries in Boston.....	612.50
Salaries at Pine Farm.....	1636.74
Clothing.....	133.17
Provisions.....	913.74
Miscellaneous.....	1586.84
	4,270.49
Cost of New House and Furniture.....	9696.86
Cash in Bank.....	1245.57
	\$16,648.92

CHAS. W. SCUDDER, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the accounts of Chas. W. Scudder, Treasurer of the Boston Children's Aid Society, and find them correct, with the proper vouchers.

CHAS. E. BILLINGS, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1881.

Amory, Francis	25.00	Jackson Miss Eleanor	10.00
Atkinson, George	10.00	Lowell, John	10.00
Barnard, Miss Minnie W.	5.00	Lowell, John A.	10.00
Bemis, Seth.	25.00	Lowell, Miss G.	25.00
Bowditch, J. Ingersol	30.00	Lyman, Theadore	25.00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50.00	Minot G. R.	10.00
Brimmer, Martin	25.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20.00	Murdock, Miss Maria	10.00
Buck, Mrs. David	5.00	Paine, R. T. Jr.	50.00
Bullard, W. S.	20.00	Paine, The Misses	25.00
Burdett, H. S.	25.00		
Cabot, S.	20.00	Quincy, T. D.	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. S.	10.00	Saltonstall, Henry	100.00
Cabot, Mrs. Elizabeth R.	15.00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00
Clark, Rev. James F.	10.00	Shaw Mrs. G. H.	25.00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P., Sen.	10.00	Thayer, Nathaniel	100.00
Dane, John H.	5.00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5.00
Davis, James	10.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Davis, Joshua W.	10.00		
Ditson, Oliver	25.00	Wigglesworth, Mary	25.00
		Wiggleswrth, Annie	25.00
Endicott, William Jr. ..	100.00	Wiggsworth, Thomas ...	20.00
Goddard, George A.	25.00	Ware, Chas. E.	15.00
Green, Mrs. B. D.	10.00	Ware, Mrs. Chas. E. ...	15.00
Grew, Henry S.	25.00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10.00
Greenleaf, R. C.	50.00	Winthrop, R. C.	5.00
Hemmenway, Mrs. A.	100.00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C.	5.00
Holmes, Mrs. O.	10.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. A. C.	5.00
Hooper, E. W.	50.00	Whitney, Edward	20.00
Hubbard, Chas. T.	50.00	Wales, Miss Mary Ann	200.00
Hubbard, James M.	5.00		
Kidder, Henry P.	50.00		
Jackson Edward	10.00		
			<u>1,655.00</u>

SUBSCRIBERS TO "HOUSE FUND" FOR NEW BUILDING AT PINE FARM.

Bayley, James C.	\$100.00	Kidder, Henry P.	\$500.00
Bemis, Seth	200.00	Lord, George C.	500.00
Billings, Chas. E.	100.00	Lowell, Miss Anna C. ..	200.00
Brewer, Cyrus	25.00	Lawrence, Mrs. A. A. ..	100.00
Burr, Isaac T.	100.00	Lawrence, Miss S. M. ..	300.00
		Lawrence, Miss H. D. ..	100.00
Carpenter, V. E.	50.00	Nickerson, Thomas	100.00
Claffin, William	100.00		
Cobb, Henry M.	50.00	Paine, Robert Treat Jr.	300.00
Converse, Edmund W. ..	100.00	Paine, The Misses	100.00
		Paine, Mrs. Chas. J. ...	100.00
Eldredge, Mrs. E. S. ...	200.00	Pierson, Chas. L.	50.00
Endicott, William Jr. ...	500.00	Pickering, Mrs. Henry ..	100.00
		Potter, John C.	100.00
Grew, Mr. & Mrs. H. S. ..	500.00	Pratt, Lucius G.	100.00
Hemmenway, Mrs. A.	1000.00	Pratt, Miss Mary	200.00
Higginson, George	500.00	Pulsifer, R. M.	100.00
Hooper, Anna S.	500.00	Speare, Alden	100.00
Hooper, Edward W.	200.00		
Howes, Elizabeth	100.00	Thayer, Nathaniel	500.00
Hubbard, Mr. & Mrs.			
Chas. T.	1000.00	Wales, Miss Mary Anne ..	500.00
		Wigglesworth, Misses Mary	
Jackson, Edward	25.00	and Anne	500.00
Jackson, Miss Eleanor ...	25.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	100.00
			<u>\$10,125.00</u>

\$2500 of the above was paid previous to June 1880 and appeared in Treasurer's Report for last year.

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1881.

Barnard, Mrs. Geo. M. \$100.00	Hubbard. Mrs. C. T. for
Brooks, Mrs. P. C. for	Slippers, 20.00
Thanksgiving..... 50.00	Kimball, Mrs. David P. 50.00
Cabot, Susan Benevolent	Massachusetts Charitable
Fund .....50.00	Fire Association 200.00
Dorr, James 3.00	Pratt, Miss 50.00
Friend, through (D. H. C.) 20.00	Warren, Samuel D. 50.00
Friend, through (C. W. S.) 50.00	
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary for	\$693.00
Christmas, 50.00	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM, 1880.

Potatoes,	142 bush.	Apples,	25 bbls.
Beets,	20 "	Butter made,	278 lbs.
Mangel Wursels,	55 "	Butchered Pork,	380 "
Carrots,	65 "	Hay, about	10 tons.
Beans,	4 "	Corn Fodder,	2 "
Yellow Corn,	6 "	Oat Fodder,	1 ton.
Peas,	6 "	Strawberries,	530 boxes.
Sweet Corn,	22 "	Cabbages,	1100 head.

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries,	\$69.45	Cabbages,	\$31.60
Potatoes,	35.25	Turnips,	10.25
Eggs,	30.19	Peas, Corn, &c.,	6.93
Chickens,	9.25	Hay,	43.78
			<u>\$236.70</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Labor,	\$54.00	Old Carriage,	\$8.00
Sundries,	17.62	Printing,	498.72
			<u>\$578.34</u>

It having been thought best to extend our farming operations by raising small fruits, preparations were made last year, the results of which will not be very noticeable this year. We have set out currants, blackberries, raspberries, and a large strawberry bed. There has been so much extra work in dig-

ging drains, grading and other matters connected with the building of the house and moving, that the boys could not be employed as much as usual on the farm.

During the year six holiday entertainments and excursions have been provided for the boys by friends whose kindness is fully appreciated. They were as follows :

The Fourth of July was celebrated at the Home the entertainment being furnished by "Uncle Cook" and his friends.

In the month of August a boating excursion was made on Charles River, the expenses of which were paid by a Friend from Boston.

The boys were invited to spend an afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Claffin in Newtonville where they were entertained with games and a bountiful collation. Mrs. Claffin also presented each boy with a book as a memento of the occasion.

A Friend gave \$20 to defray expenses of a trip down the harbor in the month of September.

On Thanksgiving Day an ample dinner was provided through the liberality of Mrs. Peter C. Brooks, of Boston.

Christmas was observed in the usual manner. A large tree was decked with presents mostly of a useful character, purchased with Mrs. Hemmenway's annual gift of \$50 for this purpose.

Mr. Trowbridge has continued to give instruction in singing weekly during the year and under his direction, excellent progress has been made ; his services are secured to the Home, by the generosity of Mrs. Eldredge, of West Newton.

Allen, Mrs. George (West Newton) Boots, Shoes & Books.

Allen, Mrs. N. T. (West Newton) Over Coat & Other Clothing.

Atkinson, Mrs. John (West Newton) Clothing & Shoes.

Blackwell, Mr. G. H. (Newton) Collars & Cuffs.

Charity Circle. (West Newton) 2 Quilts & 30 handkerchiefs for Christmas.

Dix, George (West Newton) Tomatoe Plants.

Friend, (Newton) 2 bundles of Clothing.

Friend, in Newton, Shoes.

Friends, in Newton, Clothing.

Hubbard, Mrs. C. T., \$20 for slippers.

Hyde, James F. C. (Newton Highlands) 1 barrel of Sandwiches.

Kendall, Mr. R. W. (West Newton) Bundle of Cloth for 30 pairs of Pants, & Cotton Flannel.

Knights of Honor, (West Newton) Cake.

Lawrence, Mrs. Amos (Newton Centre) Clothing.

Mandell, Mrs. T. S. (Newton) Clothing.

Newton Horticultural Society, Rolls & Watermelons.

Newtonville Universalist Society, 1 Turkey, 11 Pies.

Our thanks are due to the Editor of the NEWTON JOURNAL, also Dr. Sanderson, Dentist, Dr. Thayer, and Dr. Nott, for services rendered during the year.

EIGHTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

Executive Committee,

OF THE

Boston Children's Aid Society.

FROM

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BOYS AT THE HOME,

JANURARY 1, 1882.

	<i>Years old.</i>	<i>Entered.</i>
<i>1879.</i>		
Abroe, Julius	12	July 24
Lowry, Andrew	12	Oct. 13
Wright, Hamilton K.	13	Dec. 23
<i>1880.</i>		
Wilson, Henry b.	12	Jan. 8
Schonbach, Christopher	11	March 2
Barbour, Ralph H.	10	March 17
Goutier, George H.	13	March 25
Costello, Raymond	11	April 21
Foster Charles C.	10	May 21
Alyesbury, Edwin F.	12	Aug. 9
Ryan, Edward	10	Sept. 24
Berrane, John	11	Oct. 19
Hanford, Willard G.	11	Oct. 19
Thompson, Ernest M.	10	Nov. 8
Connell, Charles	10	Nov. 24
<i>1881.</i>		
Cobb, Walter	11	April 13
Rogers, George R.	11	April 21
Wrighton, Alfred J.	10	April 26
Mc.Ginnis, William A.	12	May 19
Moore, William	11	May 29
Rose, John W.	10	June 8
Hatton, Richard W.	12	June 8
Scorgie, William K.	11	June 21
Hastings, Herbert F.	10	July 19
Gleason, John L.	11	Aug. 8
Blanchard, William C.	11	Sept. 21
Small, Elvin	12	Oct. 28
Stafford, Arthur C.	13	Nov. 2
Andrews, Charles W.	11	Nov. 18
Edgehille, William J.	11	Dec. 6

EIGHTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

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CHAS. H. WASHBURN, WEST NEWTON.

REPORT.

Your Committee take great pleasure in reporting to the Society the successful termination of the first year's occupation of the new house at Pine Farm.

The house has proved itself very satisfactory and well adapted to its purposes. The dormitories are well ventilated and commodious ; and the sitting room has a cheerful and home-like air of comfort.

Your committee take this occasion to re-acknowledge the great obligations of the Society to the Donors of the Building Fund.

During the year there have been forty-seven boys in the Home. Of these, fifteen have been placed in situations by the Society or have been returned to their homes ; three have run away ; there are therefore at the present time twenty-nine boys at the home. The girls department has had charge of six girls during the year ; three of these have been discharged, leaving three still in its care.

The health of all the household has been good.

The gift of tools and instruction in their use has proved not only a welcome source of interest during the winter months, but also affords an excellent opportunity, in addition to the Printing Office, for those inclined to learn a profitable and useful trade. Mr. Sylvester has been very successful in instructing and securing the interest of his pupils in the use of tools. Our warm thanks are due to the kind friends who furnished the means and started so valuable an addition to the Farm re-

sources. The occupation of the boys during the winter in mechanical arts, that are not only a means of interesting them but also aid them in becoming skilled workman, is so clearly desirable that it needs no praise.

Miss Burnham continues her visits to the boys in jail. It is now over eighteen years since she began her duties there, visiting the jail daily, with a short vacation each year. Miss Burnham supplies the boys with books and slates during their imprisonment.

Miss Roberts is to be commended for her capability and industry, and the efficient discharge of the increased responsibility of a larger house.

Miss Taylor has shown much tact in the management of the boys; and has had remarkable success in interesting them in their studies. The School therefore is in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook still continue in their service and interest for the Society.

Each season brings new proof of our Superintendent, Mr. Washburn's untiring labor and care. His unremitting devotion to the Home and its interests, especially in a year that has been so sad a one for him, fills us with a deep feeling of appreciation of his unselfish labor, and of the personal obligations under which he has laid the Society.

In closing this report, the fact that the Society is in need of money must be alluded to, and that further supplies are necessary to continue and extend its usefulness. Although such an old and well known Charity, the absence of an adequate foundation obliges us to ask for further help to carry it forward.

LOUISA P. LORING.

For the Managers.

June 15, 1882.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM, 1881.

Strawberries,	422 boxes.	Apples,	3 bbls.
Potatoes,	82 bush.	Squashes,	3 "
Sugar Beets,	85 "	Hay, about	9 tons.
Table "	24 "	Corn Fodder,	1 ton.
Turnips,	25 "	Cabbages,	1200 head.
Beans green & dry,	6 "	Butchered Pork,	400 lbs.
Peas,	9 "	Butchered Beef,	380 "
Sweet Corn,	32 "	Butter made,	260 "

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries,	\$54.67	Tomatoes,	1.25
Currants,	2.20	Beets,	11.25
Hay,	14.46	Cabbages,	71.00
Eggs,	40.51		<u>\$195.34</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Labor,	\$19.00	Sundries,	51 93
Printing,	161.25		<u>\$232.18</u>

The results of our farming operations for the year 1881 were not so satisfactory as we anticipated, the season being very unfavorable for most of the crops. I think we lost fully one half of our strawberries by rainy weather during the picking season.

The hay crop was not as good as usual. The potato crop was very light, other root crops were almost a failure, and corn was not very good. Cabbages were the best of any crop raised.

We set out a larger strawberry bed than usual which started well, but grub worms and the early frost in October injured it very much.

As it requires more boys to do the work in the new house we find ourselves at times rather short of help on the farm, and there having been more changes during the year than usual, it has required more breaking in to make the boys useful. We were not obliged to complain the past winter of lack of work for the boys. I am very happy to say that I am satisfied that instruction in the use of tools is going to prove very useful and profitable to the boys. Mr. Hubbard's experiment in this direction has proved entirely successful in spite of some disadvantages arising from the fact that several of the boys instructed were quite small and there were a number of changes during the winter.

The boys have enjoyed an unusual number of holidays and entertainments during the year. The Fourth of July was celebrated on the 6th., "Uncle Cook" and friends providing the entertainment.

Next came a day's pleasure from Mr. C. W. Hubbard, who came after us, carried us to Auburndale where a steamer was in readiness to convey us to Waltham and back; then we were carried to his home where we all enjoyed ourselves the rest of day, after which we were conveyed to our home again.

Then came a trip on the Charles River in row-boats provided by Mr. Grew.

Next came an excursion down the harbor which was also provided by friends.

Then came an invitation to attend the Mechanics' Fair from Mr. R. T. Paine, Jr., who paid all expenses. Supper was taken within the building at the restaurant of Mrs. Vinton whose kindness and liberality deserves especial acknowledgement.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was provided by the same kind friend as formerly, who by her very generous contribution enabled us to buy six barrels of apples in addition to the dinner.

Our Christmas tree was more heavily laden than usual in consequence of several additions to Mrs. Hemenway's usual gift of \$50. Mr. W. C. Crosby of Newton, gave \$15, Miss Mabel Cunningham \$5 for candy, Dr. Slade and family, of Chestnut Hill, games and toys, A friend from Natick base balls, Charity Circle West Newton 30 handkerchiefs.

Next came a winter entertainment given at the Home by Mr. Geo. S. Trowbridge and friends, consisting of readings and singing.

Then came an invitation to the "Old South" on Washington's birth day from Mrs. Hemenway who paid all expenses. After reading the book Boston Town the exercises were doubly interesting to the boys this year.

The next day we spent an afternoon and evening by invitation with Rev. Mr. Patrick and family of West Newton.

The boys were also invited to attend a concert given by the Choir of the Congregational Church West Newton.

Mrs. E. T. Eldridge of West Newton continues to us the services of Mr. Trowbridge's instruction in singing.

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING, MAY 31, 1881.

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- Atkins. Mrs. G. P., Shirts & Collars.
 Atkinson. Mr. John (West Newton) 4 Loads of Sand.
 Baptist Church. (Newton Centre) Sandwiches.
 Blanchard. Mrs. (Brighton) Turkey, Pies & Clothing.
 Brooks. Mrs. Peter C. (Boston) \$50 for Thanksgiving.
 Charity Circle, (West Newton) 1 Quilt.
 Claflin. Mrs. Wm., Shoes, Stockings & Collars. .
 Converse. Mrs. (Newton) Clothing.
 Dix. Mr. Geo., 100 Tomato Plants.
 Earle. Mrs. (Auburndale) Hats.
 Eldredge, (West Newton) \$100 for Singing.
 Estes & Lauriat, 1 Book Chatterbox.
 Friend from Boston. \$20 for trip down the Harbor.
 Fuller. Mr. J. F. (West Newton) Horse Hoe.
 Jackson. Miss Ellen. \$5 for Christmas Presents for boys that had left
 for other Homes provided for them.
 Johnson. Mrs. C. E. (Newton Centre) Harper's Young People & St.
 Nicholas, also Shoes & Hats.
 Kendall. Mr. R. W. (West Newton) 4 peices of new cloth, also
 lot of remnants.
 Knights of Honor, (West Newton) Turkey, Cake &c.
 Lambert. Mr. Henry (West Newton) barrel of Pears.
 Lawrence. Rev. Amos (Newton Centre) Curtain Fixtures,
 Murdock, Miss Dumb Animals 5 copies.
 Plummer. Mrs. (Auburndale) bundle of Clothing.
 Rice. Mrs. J. Willard (Auburndale) Pudding and Pies.
 Rollins. Mrs. (Newtonville) Boots, Shoes & Hats.
 Wood. Mrs. (West Newton) Clothing.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Nott, Dr. Thayer and Dr. Sanderson for Services rendered: also to the Editors of the Newton Journal and Newton Republican.

C. H. WASHBURN. SEPT.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance on hand June 1881, of which \$1,012.00 belonged to Income of Girls Fund.....\$1,245.57

RECEIPTS.

Income Shaw Fund for Girls.....250.00

BOYS HOME.

Income Loring Fund.....	44.00	
“ Abigail Loring Fund.....	437.17	
“ Cornelia Loring Fund.....	110.00	
“ Waterston Fund.....	156.00	
“ Joy Fund.....	250.00	
“ Donnison Fund.....	141.20	
“ Seth Adams Fund.....	36.00	
“ Shaw Fund.....	45.00	
“ Hemenway Fund	114.50	
“ Bemis Fund.....	60.00	
“ Vose Fund.....	12.00	
“ Sewall Fund.....	240.00	
“ Thornton Fund.....	12.00	
“ Other Sources.....	118.22	
	<u>1,776.09</u>	
Subscriptions.....	1,595.00	
Donations.....	1,192.65	
Farm Produce sold.....	201.99	
Boys Labor.....	19.00	
Printing Press Earnings.....	161.25	\$4,945.98
Legacy from T. D. Quincy.....	500.00	
125 shares Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R. R. sold for.....	9,731.25	
Jackson Estate, formerly Girls Home, sold for	4,875.00	
		<u>\$21,547.80</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Income Girl's Fund paid for board & clothing of various girls.....659.88
Salaries in Boston.....610.00

BOY'S HOME.

Salaries at Pine Farm.....	1,632.74	
Clothing.....	80.21	
Provisions.....	1,035.01	
Insurance.....	105.00	
Farm Expenses for manure.....	124.58	
Miscellaneous.....	1,178.28	\$4155.82
House Fund paid on furniture of new house and for moving and repairing School-house.....	827.37	

INVESTMENTS.

\$7000.00 George's Creek & Cumberland R. R. 6 per cent Bonds bought for.	7,008.75	
\$4000.00 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. 4 per cent Bonds bought for.....	3,290.00	
\$1000.00 loaned on mortgage on the Jackson Estate Newton Centre	4000.00	
3 shares Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. bought for.....	393.35	14,692.10
Balance on hand all belonging to the Income of the Girl's Fund.....	602.63	
		<u>\$21,547.80</u>

Boston, June 1882.

Edward Jackson, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing accounts and found them correct and with the proper vouchers, and I have also seen the notes, bonds and mortgages, which represent our invested funds.

CHAS. E. BILLINGS, *Auditor.*

Newton, June 16 1882.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Atkinson, George	10.00	Kidder, H. P.	50.00
Bemis, Seth	25.00	Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10.00
Bowditch, J. I.	30.00	Lowell, Miss G.	25.00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I. ..	50.00	Lowell, Hon. John	10.00
Brimmer, Martin	25.00	Lyman, Theodore	25.00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20.00	Minot, G. R.	10.00
Buck, Mrs. David	5.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Bullard, W. S.	20.00	Paine, R. T. Jr.	50.00
Cabot, Dr. S.	20.00	Paine, The Misses	25.00
Cabot, Mrs. S.	10.00	Saltonstall, Henry	100.00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	15.00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00
Clark, Rev. J. F.	10.00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	10.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	25.00
Ditson, Oliver	25.00	Thayer, N.	100.00
Endicott, William Jr. ..	100.00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5.00
Goddard, G. A.	25.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Greene, Mrs. B. D.	10.00	Wigglesworth, The Misses	50.00
Grew, H. S.	25.00	Wigglesworth, T.	20.00
Greenleaf, R. C.	50.00	Ware, Dr. C. E.	15.00
Hemenway, Mrs.	100.00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	15.00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10.00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10.00
Hooper, E. W.	50.00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C. ..	5.00
Hubbard, C. T.	50.00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C. ..	5.00
Hubbard, C. E.	5.00	Whitney, Edward	20.00
Jackson, Mrs. C.	10.00	Wales, Miss M. A.	200.00
Jackson, Edward	10.00	Young, Miss	5.00
Jackson, Miss E.	10.00		

\$1,595.00

DONATIONS.

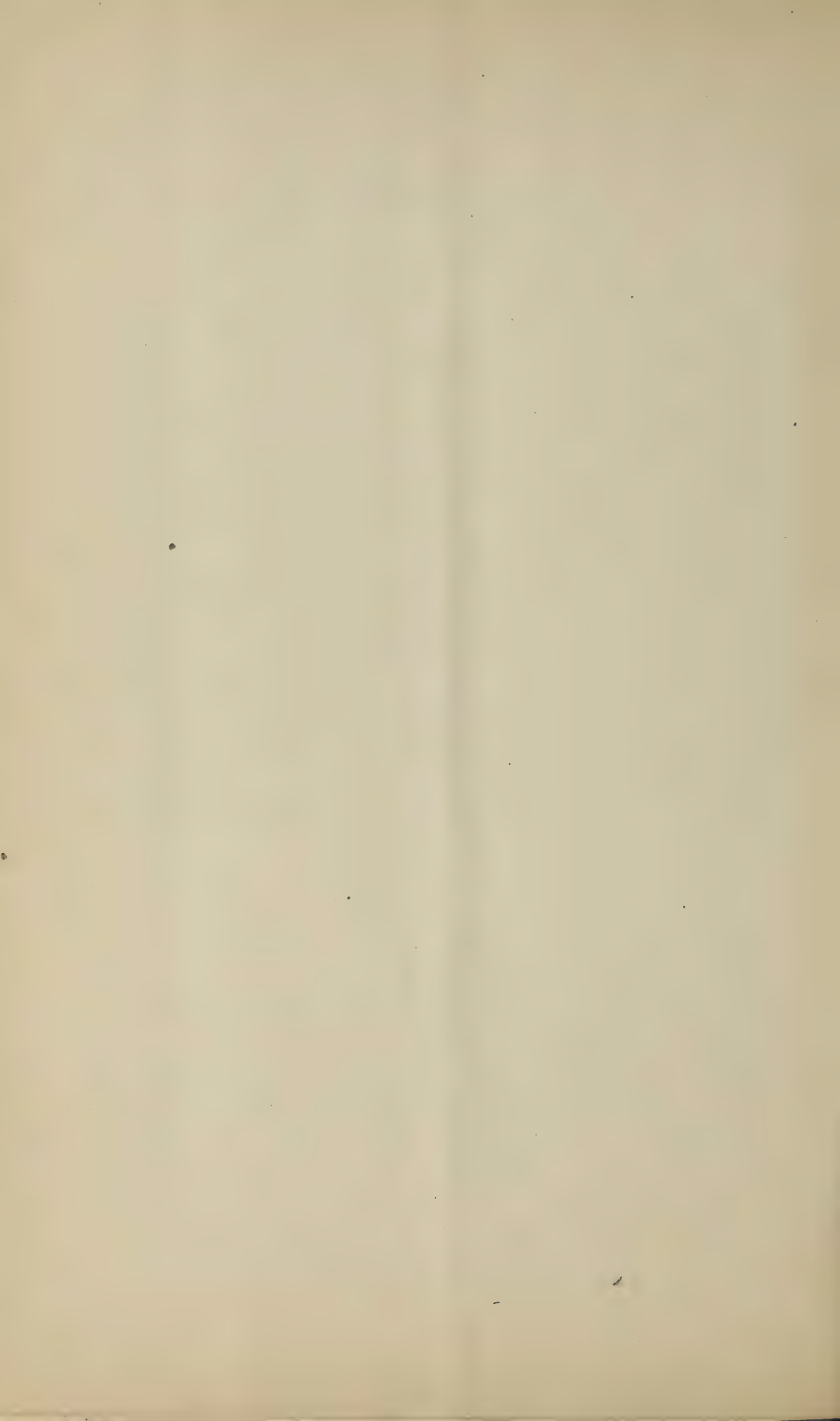
Barnard, Mrs. Geo. M. \$100.00	Lowell, Miss 10.00
Billings, C. E. 50.00	Lowell, Miss Anna C. ..100.00
Blanchard, Mrs. (Brighton, 2.00	Massachusetts Charitable
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T. Jr. .. 5.00	Fire Association. 100.00
Susan Cabot Benevolent	Murdock, Miss Maria .. 10.00
Fund 50.00	Mason, H. 10.00
Cash. 20.00	Kimball, Mrs. D. P. 50.00
Dane, J. H. 5.00	Lawrence, Miss S. M. .. 25.00
Eliot Church, (Newton) 6.50	Rev. C. Cutler's Bible Class
Friend, through (C. W. S.) 20.00	(Auburndale,) 3.00
Hemenway, Mrs. for	Russell, Dr. L. B. 5.00
Christmas, 50.00	Russell, Mrs. G. R. 50.00
Hooper R. W. ....100.00	Sargent, Ignatius .....100.00
Hunnewell, H. H. ....25.00	Seudder, C. W. 26.15
Hunnewell, F. W. 25.00	Warren, S. D. ....100.00
Hyde, J. F. C. 25.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas .. 50.00
James, Mrs. J. W. 50.00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. E. .. 20.00
	<u>\$1,192.65</u>

CARPENTRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

12 Sets of tools loaned by Miss Marian Hovey.

Pattern Makers bench, grindstone and boards from W. S. Eaton Jr.

Dr, Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, \$80.00	Cr, Benches, tool-lockers,
Miss Hubbard, 20.00	&c. \$80.00
C. W. Hubbard, 100.00	Stock & Supplies, 50.00
Articles sold, 72.50	Teachers pay, 142.50
<u>272.50</u>	<u>\$272.50</u>





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REPORT.

A home for the homeless, the restraining and benign influence of religion for those who would otherwise be left to the sad results of a life of neglect, possibly of sin, is the office and purpose of the Boston Children's Aid Society.

The founders of this Society believed that all children might by proper religious training, together with earnest efforts to educate the mind, with the law of the family at all times influencing them, be developed into useful and virtuous citizens. The boys, whom this Society seeks to aid, are largely those found in the Court room, who have taken but the first step in the downward path, and who are almost sure to be benefited by the restraining influences of a Christian home, at an age when right guidance is of greater value, than in any future years of their lives.

With this object in view, the Pine Farm Home at West Newton, was established 19 years since, and who can estimate the good which has been accomplished in moulding these young lives, so that the many go out into the world, a blessing to society, their influence extending far and wide, as they are sent to homes throughout New England, after a few years of training here?

The number of boys at the Home is limited to 30, that being as many as it is believed best to be gathered in one family, and the eminent success of this Home should lead benevo-

lent individuals to establish many similar homes, for it is a sad fact that there are hundreds of boys, in Boston and vicinity, who need the protection from evil which such a home affords.

It gives us great pleasure to state, that through the generosity of Mr. C. W. Hubbard, a branch of our Home has been started at Ludlow, Mass. for boys old enough to work, but who prefer some other department of labor rather than that of farming.

Six boys have been taken from Pine Farm Home, and sent to Ludlow, under the care of a matron Mrs. Williams, where they are employed in a manufactory, in work suited to their age and strength, with part of each Saturday for recreation, and thus these boys, while learning a trade, are under home influences similar to those at Pine Farm. Should this experiment prove successful, the number of boys will be increased to 12, and a permanent home will be established at Ludlow.

At Pine Farm, the boys are trained in all departments of farm work, and the past year, 8 boys have been sent to farms in different parts of New England, and letters received from them, as well as the testimony of the gentlemen who have taken them into their homes, have been generally very encouraging.

Mr. Washburn visited quite a number of these boys during his summer vacation, and so much good resulted from these visits, that the managers deemed it a wise measure to engage Miss Mary Washburn to visit the boys at their homes, and learn from them, and from parties who have taken them, what progress they have made since leaving Pine Farm, and what kind of characters they are developing as they approach early manhood; and in most cases, the report has been satisfactory.

In addition to the farm work the boys are gathered in the

school-room, 5 days of the week, under the care of Miss Taylor, who has been very successful in winning the affections of the boys, and thereby increasing their interest in their studies, and very good progress has been made by the boys, the past year under her guidance.

The printing press continues to interest many of the boys, and thus they are learning this branch of industry and at the same time bringing funds into our Treasury.

The boys are also greatly interested in their carpenter work, and the capability many of them show in the use of tools, fully proves the wisdom of the kind friends, who have so generously supplied the tools, and means of instruction another year. Mr. Sylvester has continued his teaching in this department with very good success.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Eldredge the boys have been taught in singing another year by Mr. Geo. S. Trowbridge, and the heartiness with which they join in the choruses, and the sweet voices of those who sing the solo parts, show what power music has over the minds of the young,

Miss Roper has kept the boys' wardrobes in excellent order, and shows a systematic way of keeping their clothes in readiness for future use, which is very commendable. The boys are taught to knit in the winter evenings, and have knit 40 pairs of stockings the past season.

Miss Roberts, the matron, has shown much ability in keeping the Home so clean and bright, in training the boys, each to do his part of the work about the home, and in regulating so large a family.

Mr. Washburn continues his indefatigable labors for the good of the boys, and the Managers feel that the success of the Home is very largely due to his devotion to this good work.

The general appearance of the Home has been much improved by the change in the location of the school-room and other buildings, the filling up of the cellar of the old house, and regrading of the lawn ; and the close of the second year in the new Home fully justifies the expectation of all interested friends, and proves that it is admirably arranged for the health and comfort of the boys, and of those who have them in charge.

Another branch of the work of this Society is the employment of Mr. Cook, to visit the boys in the Court-room, and select from the number there, those whom he thinks most likely to be benefited by the home life at Pine Farm.

Miss L. P. Burnham also continues her work as our agent, visiting boys in the jail every day, talking with those who are awaiting trial and loaning them books and slates, for which they are very grateful, as they have no other way of employing their time.

If any friends have reading matter suited to boys, which they would like to use in this way, it may be sent by mail to Miss Burnham, at the City Jail, Boston, or left at Pine Farm, or with any of the Managers.

After the boys are released from jail, Miss Burnham follows them to their homes, and endeavors to encourage them to lead a better life.

An impression has gone abroad that the work of this Society is confined wholly to boys, but this is not the case.

By the generosity of Miss Shaw, we have a fund for girls which is exclusively devoted to this purpose, viz : protecting girls from the evil influences of their surroundings, and before they have become confirmed in evil, training them morally, and securing homes where they will be surrounded by good influences.

Our Committee of ladies, who have given much time to this department of our work, and who apply all the income of this fund for this purpose, have placed 10 little girls in pleasant homes, 6 now under our care, and report that their improvement in appearance and in character, has far surpassed their expectations.

In conclusion, we would express our gratitude to the many kind friends, who have contributed so generously for this great work ; but notwithstanding that all, once interested, continue to remember us each year, by their contributions, the fact that generous hearts sleep, and open hands are closed by death, thus continually diminishing our receipts, makes it necessary for us to appeal to those who hear, and those who read this report, to make an earnest effort to fill the places of the departed, with new friends, that thus, from year to year, the good work may go on with ever increasing power for usefulness.

MRS. C. E. BILLINGS,

June 14, 1883.

For the Managers.

VISITOR'S REPORT.

This is the end of the three months during which you wished me to visit the boys which have been placed on farms.

I will, in as few words as possible, describe the work that I have done. There are at the present time fifteen boys at places, eight of whom I have visited. In all but two cases I spent a day and night in each place, and in that way getting better acquainted with their surroundings.

I think they all have very good homes. They were even more glad to see me than I expected, and wanted me to promise to come again. Earnest Thompson said "You will come again next week won't you?"

There is only one of the boys that I feel any anxiety about. He seems unwilling to work. Told me that he would "rather go to school than work." The man had become so dissatisfied with him since school closed, that he had thought of sending to inquire what to do with him. I have heard nothing from there since my return, so I hope I succeeded in rousing the boys ambition.

Willie Robinson left the Home in 1879, to live with a man in Haverhill, who treated him so badly and put him to such hard work, that the neighbors took pity on him and found him another place, where he has been for two years. He visited the Home in April and seemed to think he ought to be earning something more than his board and clothes, as he is now 17 years of age. I went there last month to see what Mr. Robinson, (the man with whom he lives,) was willing to do. He has never been put to hard work, as they found he was far from strong. He seems more like a boy of 14 than 17. The man

will at the end of another year, pay him what he thinks he has been worth to him, and find him a place to learn a trade. He said he should want another boy from the Home when Willie does go away.

Hoping my work will not be wholly unsatisfactory to you,

I am

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

MARY J. WASHBURN.

BOYS IN MASS.

Andrews, Chas.	Newton,
Cobb, Walter	Ashfield,
Erasmus, R.	Jamaica Plain,
Hanford, Willard	Orange,
Hatton, Richard	Barre,
Loyd, Wm. No.	Weymouth,
Parsons, Chas.	Newburyport,
Robinson, Wm.	E. Haverhill,

BOYS IN MAINE.

Lowry, Andrew	So. Acton,
Small, Elvin	Southport,

BOYS IN VERMONT.

Jackson, John	Vershire,
Kirk, Fred	Randolph,
Petingell, Albert	Vershire,

BOYS IN N. H.

Scorgie, William	Stratton,
Thompson, Ernest	Newington,

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM, 1882.

Hay, about	10 tons	Flat Turnips,	90 "
Oat Fodder,	2 "	Carrots,	15 "
Corn Fodder,	1 "	Sweet Corn,	22 "
Potatoes,	98 bush	Pears,	2 "
Sugar Beets,	58 "	Strawberries,	384 boxes
Table Beets,	12 "	Butter made,	312 lbs.
Peas,	44 "	Butchered Pork,	475 "
Tomatoes,	15 "	Butchered Beef,	400 "
Green Beans,	8 "	Apples,	8 bbls.
Dry Beans,	3 bush		

PRODUCE SOLD.

Corn,	\$10.57	Peas,	47.45
Potatoes,	7.40	Eggs,	24.28
Turnips,	6.75	Sundries,	49.72
Strawberries,	70.76		<u>\$216.93</u>

The results of our farming operations during the past year were not so satisfactory as we had anticipated, the summer of 1882 will be remembered as a very dry season, in consequence of which the crops on the farm were lighter than usual, some were a total failure.

Another drawback has been the frequent change of farmers, there having been three changes during the past year. To get the right person seems more difficult than I had supposed.

More ground is under cultivation this year than usual. We have set over 3000 asparagus plants this spring. The land is in better condition than it has been heretofore. We have four acres of planted crops this season. The more frequent changes among the boys, makes it more difficult to accomplish as much work on the farm as in former years.

With the assistance of the boys, we have painted the school-house, barn and wagon shed.

The Printing Office has not been as remunerative as formerly, not having bought any new type we are not prepared to do as good work as in other years.

The boys have enjoyed several days of pleasure through the kindness of friends.

The Fourth of July entertainment at the Home was provided as usual, by "Uncle Cook" and his friends. In this connection I may say that Mr. Geo. Armstrong of Boston, who has each year contributed generously to this entertainment, gave us a call recently and requested us to call upon him for all supplies needed for this occasion in the future.

The annual gift of \$20 for a trip down the harbor was made as usual by a friend of the Home. This supplemented by a gift of \$10 by Mr. Grew for the same purpose, provided an excursion to Nantasket in September.

The annual day was spent with Mr. C. W. Hubbard, who always crowds as much pleasure into one day as possible.

Our wants were very liberally supplied on Thanksgiving day, by the same kind friend as in former years. We were also enabled to buy 6 bbls. of apples besides.

Christmas was observed in the usual manner; Mrs. Hemenway's annual gift buying the presents, Mr. Seth Davis giving the tree, and the Charity Circle of West Newton, giving 30 handkerchiefs.

The Annual visit in February with Rev. H. J. Patrick and family, was enjoyed as usual.

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING, MAY 31, 1883.

June,—Mrs. E. Pickard, (Auburndale,) Clothing and Hats.

July,—Mrs. Mandell, (Newton) Clothing.

Sept.,—Mrs. Rollins, (Newtonville) Clothing; Friend in Boston, \$20 for trip down the harbor; Mr. Henry Grew \$10 for same: Mrs. Converse, (Newton) Clothing and Shoes; Mrs. Eldredge, (West Newton) \$100 for singing.

Oct.,—Mrs. Tourjee, (Auburndale) Clothing: Mr. Paxton, (Newton) Rolls.

Nov.,—Mrs. Cabot, (Brookline) Clothing and Shoes; Mrs. Kimball, (Newtonville) Underclothing.

Dec.,—Mrs. Blanchard, (Brighton) Clothing, Ham & Turkey: Charity Circle, (West Newton) 30 Handkerchiefs; Miss Ellen Jackson, (Boston) \$5 for Books; Knights of Golden Cross, (West Newton) Oysters, Rolls, Apples & Coffee; Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, Maps for School; Master Strong, 1 pair of Skates: Freeborn Raymond, Esq., Double Runner Sled.

April—Wm. Ware & Co., (Boston) 30 Arithmetics: E. C. McClintocks, 12 Monroe Readers; Young People Christian Association, (West Newton) Cake: Mrs. Alvah Houghton, (West Newton) Bundle of Clothing: Geo. Dix, Tomatoe & Pepper Plants.

Mrs. C. E. Johnson, (Newton Centre) Harpers Young People & St. Nicholas; Miss M. Murdock, (Cambridge) Copies of Dumb Animals; Miss Susan Lawrence, Youth's Companion and British Workman.

We desire to thank those friends for services rendered, Dr. Nott, Dr. Crockett, & Dr. Sanderson, also for favors received Newton Journal & Newton Graphic.

C. H. WASHBURN, SEPT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GIRL'S FUND.

Balance on hand June 1882.....	\$602.63
Income Shaw Fund for Girls.....	250.00
Expended for board and care of 10 Girls.....	473.30
Balance on hand June 11, 1883.....	379.33
	852.63
	852.63

BOYS HOME.

Income Loring Fund.....	40.00	
“ Abigail Loring Fund.....	460.00	
“ Cornelia Loring Fund.....	100.00	
“ Waterston Fund.....	155.00	
“ Joy Fund.....	250.00	
“ Dounison Fund.....	100.40	
“ Seth Adams Fund.....	36.00	
“ Shaw Fund.....	52.00	
“ Hemenway Fund	105.00	
“ Bemis Fund.....	60.00	
“ Quincy Fund.....	25.00	
“ Vose Fund.....	8.00	
“ Sewall Fund.....	240.00	
“ Thornton Fund.....	8.00	
“ Other Sources.....	269.68	\$1,999.58
Subscriptions.....	1,670.00	
Donations.....	603.24	
Farm Produce sold.....	177.21	
Boy's Labor.....	14.48	
Printing Press Earnings.....	248.63	
Amount collected of A. G. Cowles on mortgage.....	400.00	
Amount expended above Income.....	259.70	
	\$5,372.84	

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries in Boston.....	550.00	
Salaries at Pine Farm.....	1,750.70	
Clothing.....	107.39	
Provisions.....	949.46	
Miscellaneous.....	1,396.80	\$4,204.35
Expended on Farm for manure, &c.....	163.18	
Insurance.....	50.31	

INVESTMENTS.

3 shares Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.....	405.00
	\$5,372.84

Boston, June 1882.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing accounts and found them correct and with the proper vouchers, and I have also seen the notes, bonds and mortgages, which represent our invested funds.

Newton, June, 1883.

CHAS. E. BILLINGS, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Atkinson, George	\$10.00	Kidder, H. P.	50.00
Barnard, Miss Minnie	5.00	Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10.00
Billings, Chas. E.....	50.00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	25.00
Bemis, Seth	25.00	Lowell, Miss G.	25.00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50.00	Lowell, Hon. John	10.00
Brimmer, Martin.....	25.00	Lyman, Theodore	25.00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20.00	Minot, G. R.	10.00
Buck, Mrs. David.....	5.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Bullard, W. S.....	20.00	Paine, R. T. Jr.	50.00
Cabot, Dr. S.	20.00	Paine, The Misses	25.00
Cabot, Mrs. S.....	10.00	Saltonstall, Henry	100.00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.....	15.00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00
Clarke, Rev. J. F.	10.00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	10.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	25.00
Ditson, Oliver....	25.00	Thayer, N.	100.00
Endicott, Wm. Jr.	100.00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5.00
Fuller, J. Franklin	5.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Goddard, G. A.	25.00	Wigglesworth, Miss A. ..	50.00
Grew, H. S.	25.00	Wigglesworth, T.	20.00
Greenleaf, R. C.	50.00	Ware, Dr. C. E.....	15.00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100.00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	15.00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10.00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10.00
Hooper, E. W.	50.00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C. ..	5.00
Hubbard, C. T.	50.00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C.....	5.00
Hubbard, C. E.	5.00	Whitney, Edward	20.00
Jackson, Mrs. C.	10.00	Wales, Miss M. A.....	200.00
Jackson, Miss E.....	10.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. A. C. ..	5.00
Jackson, Edward	10.00	Young, Miss.....	5.00
		Young, Miss B. L.	25.00

\$1,670.00

DONATIONS.

Anonymous through Miss	Hunnewell, H. H.	25.00
Lawrence,.....	Hunnewell, F. W.	25.00
\$150.00		
Barnard, Mrs. G. M.	Lee, Henry	10.00
100.00	Lowell, Miss G.	5.00
Brooks, Shepherd	Russell, Dr. L. B.	5.00
10.00		
Brooks, Mrs. P. for	Susan Cabot Benevolent	
Thanksgiving	Fund.....	50.00
50.00		
Calvin Cutler's Bible Class	Tarbox, Mrs. I. N.	3.00
(Auburndale)	Wigglesworth, Mrs. E. ..	20.00
3.00	Wigglesworth, Miss Anne	50.00
Children's Entertainment thro'		
Miss Lindley		
7.14		
Eliot Church, (Newton)		
40.10		
Hemmenway, Mrs. A. for		
Christmas.....		
50.00		
		<u>\$603.24</u>

CARPENTRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

DR.	Received from Miss Hovey,	50.00
	.. .. Mrs. C. T. Hubbard,	20.00
	.. .. Mr. C. T. Hubbard,	20.00
	.. .. Mrs. B. C. Davis,	20.00
	.. .. Mrs. B. L. Young,	20.00
	.. .. Miss M. W. Wells,	20.00
	.. .. Mr. C. W. Hubbard,	41.60
	Articles sold,	47.25
	.. .. unsold,	20.00
		<u>\$258.85</u>
CR.	Paid Mr. Sylvester for teaching,	\$93.75
	.. .. " for work on repairs,	20.00
	.. .. " for work on orders,	38.00
	Paid for stock for boys use,	8.00
	.. .. " for orders,	19.30
	Paid for 8 full sets of tools and sundry odd ones,	70.80
		<u>\$258.85</u>

The benches and tools at the School, are worth about \$150.00.

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Superintendent,

CHAS. H. WASHBURN, WEST NEWTON.

REPORT.

During the year ending May 31st last, twenty three boys have gone from the Home at West Newton. Of this number, nine have been taken into the families of New England farmers. These boys grow up in the families with whom they live, going to school part of the year and working on the farm the remainder. In most cases they enjoy their new life and are liked by their employers and become fixtures in the country. Some as might be expected, prove useless to their employers, usually owing to inherited faults, and are returned to the Society. The Society does not incur any expense for these boys in the way of board, clothing or otherwise, nor does it bind them out so that it loses its control over them.

If they are not brought up in the manner mutually agreed upon at the time the Society surrenders possession of them, it takes them back again.

Twice during the year Miss Mary J. Washburn has visited the boys for whom country homes have been found during this and previous years, to see that they were being properly cared for and has reported to the Managers the result of her visit. She and the other officers of the Society frequently correspond with the boys, keeping themselves acquainted with their welfare.

The letters which are received from the boys, written in many cases long after they have left Pine Farm show the strong affection they feel for the home and its inmates and prove the good influence home care had upon their characters. Eight of the above mentioned twenty three boys have been returned to their parents or to one of them.

Although, at first thought, it would seem this was an acknowledgement of failure to benefit, such is not altogether the case.

Four of them went to homes, which owing to the separation of parents or other cause, had improved so that the evil influences which surrounded them when they went to Pine Farm had ceased to exist. Three others, who were getting into bad ways because of evil influences wholly apart from their homes, were returned after the expiration of the period for which they were given up to the Society, apparently improved by their sojourn at Pine Farm. Three only were returned to homes under circumstances probably no better than when they left them.

This was done only after they had been kept at Pine Farm a long time and after many unsuccessful attempts had been made to place them in country homes and they were keeping out others whom the Society could help.

Of the above mentioned twenty three boys who have left during the past year, four have been taken into the families of relatives other than their parents; one has been placed in a Printing establishment in Boston and is doing well and one has run away so often that no attempt was made to keep him at Pine Farm.

The average period of time which these boys remained at Pine Farm is about a year and six months. During this time they attend the school, work on the Farm, received instruction in the use of carpenter tools and a few of them work in the Printing office in the school house building at the Farm.

In-doors they render practical assistance in the kitchen and about the house and pass many evenings in knitting and listening to the reading of Mr. Washburn.

During last summer a branch home was established at Ludlow, Mass. through the kindness of Mr. Charles W. Hubbard.

A house was hired and a matron employed and six boys were taken from Pine Farm and placed under her charge. These boys were given work in the mill of the Ludlow Manufacturing Co. Their wages were to be applied to defraying the Expenses of the establishment and what might not be needed for that pur-

pose the boys were to have. Very much to the regret of the Managers, the experiment did not prove a success and after a trial of several months was abandoned. The boys became restless under the restraint of the long hours of work in the mill and could not be kept from the streets of the town in the evening.

They neglected their work in the mill and the Company found it necessary to request their removal. The experiment was tried long enough however to prove that if the Society had been able to send twelve boys instead of six to Ludlow so that the house would have been full it would have more that paid its way and it is believed that with a somewhat different organization at the house, better discipline would have been preserved.

The experiment may be tried again.

This has been a year of changes at Pine Farm, Miss Roberts our matron has resigned and she has been succeeded by Mrs Charlotte J. Snell who gives promise of filling her difficult and important office to the satisfaction of the Managers.

In the early spring of the present year the health of our superintendent, Mr. Washburn and our teacher, Miss Taylor, broke down under too constant devotion to their duty at Pine Farm. They both resigned their positions. Fortunately for the Society Mr. Washburn was induced to withdraw his resignation and to take a journey for several weeks in the south. This he has done in company with his daughter and Miss Taylor, and has now returned to his work much better for his vacation. It is to be hoped that he will continue so. Miss Taylor's resignation is almost a irreparable loss to the Society. Few people have such powers of winning the affections of children. In the letters written to the home in many cases several years after they have left it they seldom fail to inquire for her. The Managers were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Mary Snell, the daughter of our matron, to temporarily fill the vacancy caused by Miss Taylor's resignation. Although she has had no experience in teaching heretofore, the managers are very much pleased at the success she has attained.

Owing to continued illness, very much to the regret of the

Managers our general agent in Boston, Mr. Rufus R. Cook, has been unable during the past year to render us very much active service in finding boys in the City who were fit subjects for our Home. Although the managers have not employed any one to do this work in his stead they have found nevertheless, that the home has continued full. Boys are sent to us by the truant officers of the City and by the many persons and institutions who have become acquainted with our work. This shows that the Society has proved its usefulness to the community and leads the Managers to think that its sphere of work may be extended either by duplicating the present Establishment in some other neighborhood of the City or by aiding destitute children in ways somewhat different from those to which Society has heretofore confined its labors but yet within the spirit of its act of Incorporation. Up to the present time the work of the Society has been strictly reformative; it has taken into its Home at West Newton only boys who have begun to be bad, who needed moral as well as material assistance. It has kept them at Pine Farm until they had improved so they might safely be placed in the families of honest people and grow up in their ways. The Managers are considering the advisability of extending their labors to children, who are destitute but not bad for whom homes in the country can be provided but who do not need to be reformed before going to them. They are also seeking to employ a man with the proper qualifications to become an out-door worker, as it were, among the poor children of Boston in ways not immediately connected with the Home at West Newton. Miss Burnham has continued during the past year the work she has done for the Society since its organization in 1865.

She visits the boys in the Charles Street jail and interests and helps them by talking with and supplying them with books slates and pencils and in various ways befriending them.

About the year 1868 the Society bought a house in Newton Centre and in accordance with its original plan, established there a home for girls on substantially the same plan as that of the Home for boys at Pine Farm. It was found after a number of

years that other institutions in Boston could do the work for which this was organized and that but few girls were sent to the Home at Newton Centre. It was accordingly given up and the house sold. Some time after the Home was closed the Society received a legacy of \$5000 from Miss M. Lousia Shaw, the income of which was to be applied to the uses of the girls Home. By the vote of the Society and the written assent of the residuary legatees under Miss Shaw's will, the income of this fund has been spent by a special committee of the managers of the Society in finding homes for wayward girls. Up to the present time ten have come under charge of the committee, over all of whom (excepting one who was taken home by her mother without our consent) the committee still keeps a personal supervision greater or less, according to the exigences of the case, by visiting them in their homes, seeing that they are properly cared for and by corresponding with them. Homes are not thus provided for girls over twelve years of age. The Society pays their board, about two or three dollars per week for each girl and some time clothes them besides. No girl who is a subject for any other charitable institution is taken by the Society.

Some of the girls soon become industrious and are now self supporting and have saved some money, others have given trouble and have been surrendered by the people with whom they have been placed, one of them has been put in five different places.

The Society is at present, paying board for five girls. All have improved so much that there is great hope for them though one of them was one of the worst children in the North End district of Boston.

The income of the Shaw fund is insufficient to pay the expenses of maintaining these girls. The Society must draw on its general funds or curtail its work. It is earnestly hoped that the friends of the Society will render unnecessary to adopt either course.

H. D. CHAPIN.

For the Managers.

VISITOR'S REPORT.



Of the fifteen boys who were at places at the beginning of the year one was returned to the Home after a short trial at a place in Newton because he was not large enough to do what was required of him. He has since gone to Vermont, where he seems to be doing well, judging from his letters.

Three have stayed their time out, and are now supporting themselves. One in Attleboro who wishes to get something to do in Boston. Another is working in a Bakery in Haverhill and intends to learn the trade. This place has been filled by another boy from the Home. The third is in Boston.

Walter Cobb is the only one that has been returned as entirely unsatisfactory.

Two others seem to belong to the changeable class, as they do not stay long anywhere, but usually have something to do either in the city or out.

With the exception of Willie Moore, the nine boys who have been placed in homes this year, give satisfaction and seem pleased with their homes.

They write advising the boys to be good so they can be sent to places.

And they often tell of some neighbor who wants a good boy.

None of them have been visited. But I have visited six of those who were at places last year, and in nearly every case found a marked improvement.

Particularly in the one about whom I expressed some anxiety a year ago.

I have written twenty six letters and received twenty two, only eleven of which have been from the boys themselves.

They do not seem to enjoy letter writing, but keep their interest in Pine Farm, and seem to look upon it as their home.

M. J. WASHBURN.

The following is a list of the boys at places this year.

BOYS IN MASS.

Hanford, Willard	Orange,
Hatton, Richard	Barre,
Loyd, Wm.	No. Weymouth,
Parsons, Chas.	Newburyport,
Newcomb, Guy	Coleraine,
Tait, Wm.	Haverhill,
Stone, Samuel	Ludlow.

MAINE.

Lowry, Andrew	So. Acton.
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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Scorgie, William	Stratham,
Thompson, Ernest	Newington,
Thompson, Fred	Loudon,
Lowe, Archer	Loudon,
Ryan, Eddie	Richmond.
Wallace, Wm.	E. Jaffrey,

VERMONT.

Kirk, Fred	Randolph,
Andrews, Chas.	St. Johnsbury,

SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT.

CROPS RAISED ON PINE FARM, 1883.

Hay, about	8 tons	Sweet Corn,	28 bush.
Oat Fodder,	2 "	Ruta Bagas	6 "
Corn "	1 "	Pears,	2 "
Potatoes,	198 bush.	Apples,	5 bbls.
Sugar Beets,	12 "	Squashes,	2 "
Table "	10 "	Strawberries,	314 boxes
Peas,	23 "	Currants,	4 1-2 bush.
Tomatoes,	12 "	Butchered Pork,	564 lbs
Green Beans,	6 "	Butchered Beef,	425 "
Dry "	2 1-2 "	Butter Made,	326 "

PRODUCE SOLD.

Strawberries,	\$65.81	Potatoes,	33.20
Peas,	16.31	Eggs,	19.67
Currants,	7.75	Butter,	14.12
Raspberries,	3.01	Sundries.	\$20.49
Beens,	6.77		<u>\$187.03</u>

The summer of 83 will be remembered for the extreme drouth that prevailed in this part of New England; It having followed the dry season of 82 it was very unfavorable for many of our crops; the hay crop was very light. The pasture was so dry that the cows had to be fed in the barn in August which has never been done before since I have been on the farm. The potato crop was the most satisfactory of any raised last season, while some of the root crops were a total failure.

Our ground is in a much higher state of cultivation than it has been, and with a more favorable season we may hope for better results.

Our farmer last year was not a suitable person and I was obliged to let him go as he was no help. I am happy to say that we have been more fortunate this season, Mr. Alcorn seems to understand how to keep the boys at their work and the boys seem

quite interested in seeing the work done. I think they enjoy working with one who knows how to work and can keep them at work.

The grading of the lawn and setting out the trees has been done this spring during my absence which I trust will add much to the looks of the place in a few years.

Mr W. C. Strong gave to the Home 48 fine shade trees of several varieties which was more than he first offered 2 years ago when he said he would give shrubs and a few trees.

The printing office has not been so remunerative as it has in other years and it seems to me the time has come when it should either be given up or a practical printer employed. The boys are not old enough to take charge after they learn how to do the work. I think some arrangement could be made with a practical printer whereby we could do work more satisfactory than for two or three years past.

Entertainments were as follows. 4th July was observed as usual, it has become known at Pine Farm as Uncle Cook's day as he has always interested himself with his friends that the day should be a pleasant one for all. On that day six of the older boys from Boston came to visit the Home, they were all working and appeared well.

July 6th all were invited to spend the afternoon with Mrs. F. W. Sargent at her home in Wellesley where we all had a delightful time.

Aug. 18th we were invited to spend the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Claffin who with their friends made it a pleasant occasion for the boys, and the many gifts they received kept the day fresh in their memory.

Sept. 21st we all went on Charles river in row boats the day being remembered as Mr. Grew's day always much enjoyed.

Thanksgiving was observed as usual, the same kind friend supplying all our wants for the day and with a surplus we were enabled to buy 5 bbls of apples and 1 box of figs. On that day several of the boys came to visit the Home that were here a number of years since. It seems very pleasant to have them come

after they are old enough to appreciate what a good home they had here.

Our Christmas Tree yielded the same kind of fruit as usual

The gifts were supplied by the same friend that has remembered us at that season for many years.

The tree was given by Mr. Seth Davis who has given us several before and desires to do so in the future he is now 97 years old and loves the children. The Charity Circle composed of little girls in West Newton sent their annual gift of 30 handkerchiefs. Miss Ellen Jackson gave \$5 to send presents to boys who were away at places.

Mr. Elward Jackson interested himself on our behalf that we might enjoy the pleasure of seeing the Foreign Exhibition.

Dec. 19th through the kindness of the directors we were admitted free. It was a great pleasure which we all fully appreciated.

On the 22 of February by the invitation of Miss Hemenway the boys visited the Old South Church she defraying all expenses.

Next we were all invited to spend an evening with our pastor Rev. H. J. Patrick and wife by whom we were agreeably entertained as usual.

Friends of Newton Lower Falls have given the boys a large flag and 26 lances and desire that they should join in the services on Decoration Day which they have done several times.

For several months during the year the boys were not taught singing, as Mr. Gorge S. Trowbridge who for many years has taken such an interest in the boys had so many duties in other directions, that it became difficult for him to attend to the teaching. We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Frank G. Reynolds who seems to have a happy faculty for teaching children. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge still continues to defray the expenses of the singing class.

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31 1884.



June,—Mr. Geo. Dix, Tomato & Pepper plants; Wellesley Hills S. School, \$8.75; Mrs. Geo. Clark, (W. Newton) Clothing; Mr. H. S. Grew, \$10.00; Mrs. E. L. Pickard, (Auburndale) Clothing.

July.—Rev. Mr. Tiffany Clothing; Mrs. J. Park, (Newton) Clothing.

Aug.,—Mrs. G. S. Phillips, (W. Newton) Hats; Mrs. E. L. Pickard (Auburndale) Clothing; Mr. Chas. Stacy, (W. N.) Pictorial, Papers.

Sept.—Mrs. F. S. Rollins, (Newtonville) Clothing.

Oct.—Knights of Honor (W. N.) Oysters & Cake etc. Mr. Wood (Brookline) \$25.00

Nov.,—Mrs. Wolcott H. Calkins, (Newton) Clothing & Shoes. Mrs. E. W. Converse (Newton) Clothing & Shoes; Rev. Calvin Cutler's Bible Class, \$5.00.

Dec.,—Mr. Page Photographs of house and boys; Charity Circle (W. N.) 30 handkerchiefs; Mr. Daniel Slade Dissected Maps.

Jan, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, (Newton Centre) St Nicholas & Harper's Young People; Miss Maria Murdock, Dumb Animals; Mrs. Loring-Youth's Companion.

Feb.,—Mr. D. D. Dana, 1-2 doz. Axes: Mr. B. Calleuder, & Co. 1-2 doz. Wood Saws & Wood Horses: Mr. W. C. Strong, 1 cord wood: Knights of Honor' (W. Newton.) Cake.

March,—Mr. Paxton, (Newton) Rolls.

April.—Mrs. Wm. Claffin Clothing; A Friend Clothing.

May;—Mrs. John Mead. Clothing; Mr. W. C. Strong, 48 Shade, Trees; Mr C. Ross, Plants for boy's gardens; Mrs. Wm. Claffin, Plants for boy's gardens.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Nott, and Dr. Sanders for services rendered: also to the Editors of the Newton Journal and Graphic.

C. H. WASHBURN, Supt.

TREASURERS REPORT

GIRL'S FUND

Balance on hand June 1883.....	\$379.33	
Income Shaw Fund for Girls.....	250.00	
Donations.....	490.00	
Expended for board and care of Girls.....	786.33	
Balance on hand May 15, 1884.....	333.00	
	<u>1119.33</u>	<u>1119.33</u>

BOYS HOME.

Income from Invested Funds.....	1,898.00	
Subscriptions	1,865.00	
Donations.....	1,021.00	
Received for boy's Board.....	10.00	
Farm Produce sold.....	187.03	
Profits on Printing.....	62.83	
		<u>\$5,043.94</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries in Boston.....	550.00	
Salaries at Pine Farm.....	1,726.05	
Clothing.....	53.89	
Provisions.....	927.27	
Miscellaneous.....	1,752.41	4,459.62
		<u>\$5,009.62</u>
Balance Boys Fund.....		34.32
" Girl's " 		333.00
" in Suffolk National Bank.....		<u>367.32</u>

Boston, May 15, 1884.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing accounts and found them correct and with the proper vouchers, and I have also seen the notes, bonds and mortgages, which represent our invested funds.

Newton, June, 1884.

CHAS E. BILLINGS, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

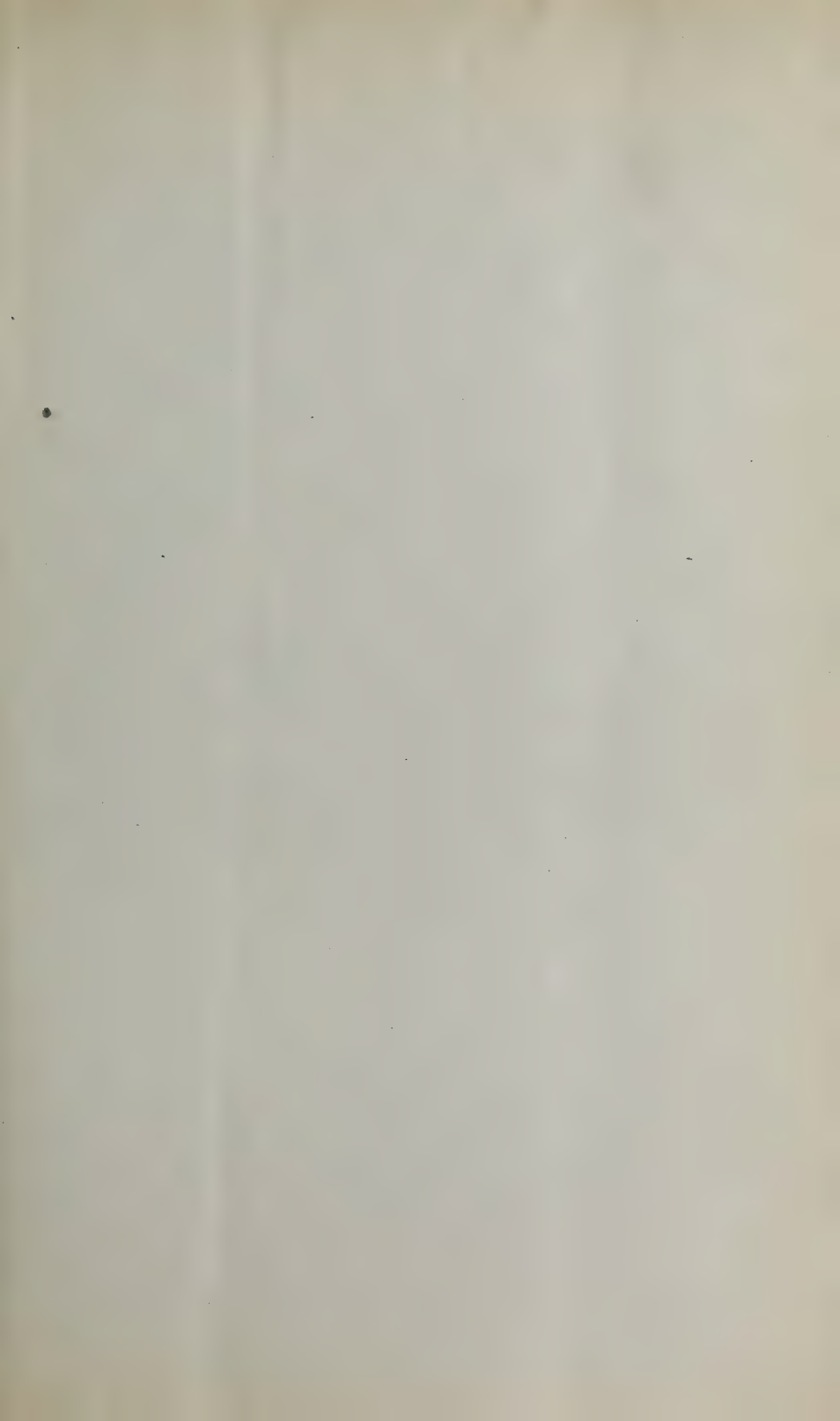
Atkinson, George.....	\$10.00	Lowell, Miss G.	25.00
Barnard, Miss M.	5.00	Lowell, Hon. John	10.00
Bemis, Seth	25.00	Lyman, Theodore	25.00
Billings, C. E.	50.00	Matchett, W. F.	10.00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I. ...	50.00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F. ...	10.00
Bowditch, J. I.	30.00	Minot, G. R.	10.00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Brimmer, Martin	25.00	Nickerson, Thos.	50.00
Brewer, Cyrus	20.00	Paine, R. T. Jr.	75.00
Buck, Mrs. David	5.00	Paine, The Misses	25.00
Bullard, W. S.	20.00	Pulsifer, R. M.	20.00
Chase, Chas. G.	20.00	Price, Miss E.	5.00
Cabot, Dr. S.	20.00	Stowe, W. B.	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. S.	10.00	Shimmin, C. F.	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	15.00	Saltonstall, Henry	100.00
Clarke, Rev. J. F.	10.00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	10.00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00
Dupee, W. R.	10.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	25.00
Ditson, Oliver	25.00	Thayer, Miss. A. G.	5.00
Endicott, Wm. Jr.	100.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Goddard, G. A.	25.00	Wigglesworth, Miss	50.00
Grew, H. S.	25.00	Wigglesworth, T.	20.00
Greenleaf, R. C.	50.00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. E. ..	20.00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100.00	Ware, Dr. C. E.	15.00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10.00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	15.00
Hooper, E. W.	50.00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10.00
Hubbard, C. T.	50.00	Walworth, Clarke C.	10.00
Hubbard, C. E.	5.00	Walworth, Arthur C. ..	5.00
Jackson, Mrs. C.	10.00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C. ..	5.00
Jackson, Edward	10.00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C. ..	5.00
Jackson, Miss E.	10.00	Whitney, Edward	20.00
Kidder, H. P.	50.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. A. C.	5.00
Lawrence, A. A.	30.00	Young, Miss F.	5.00
Lincoln, W. H.	15.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25.00
Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10.00	Wales, Miss M. A.	200.00
Lowell, Miss A. C.	25.00		
			<u>\$1,865.00</u>

DONATIONS.

Abercrombie. Mrs. E. B.	\$10.00	Walworth, J. J.	5.00
Burr. Isaac T.	50.00	Russell. Mrs. G. R.	25.00
Blake, Mrs. Francis	25.00	Wales, G. W.	20.00
Converse. E. W.	20.00	Wood. William. B.	25.00
A Friend	100.00	Brooks. Mrs. P. C. for Thanks-	
A Friend	25.00	giving.....	50.00
Harris E. K.	25.00	Hemenway, Mrs. A. for Christ-	
Head. Chas. D.	5.00	mas.....	50.00
Hubbard. James. M.	5.00	Susan Cabot Benevolent Fund	
James. Mrs. J. W.	50.00	.....	20.00
Kimball, Mrs. D. P.	75.00	Eliot Church, Newton.....	26.08
Murdock. Miss M.	10.00	Cong'l Church. Newport. N. H	
Montefiore, Sir Moses.....	5.97	.....	7.28
Scudder. Mrs. M. S.	10.00	Mass. Charitable Fire Asocia-	
Tarbox. Mrs. I. N.	10.00	tion	100.00
Dow, James & Son	3.00	Rev. Calvin Cutler's Bible Class	
Thayer, Mrs. N.	50.00	.....	5.00
Warren, S. D.	100.00	Grantvill. S. School.	8.75
Wigglesworth, T.	50.00	Paine, Miss H. for Carpentry-	
		class.....	20.00
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SPECIAL DONATIONS TO GIRL'S FUND.

Andrews, J. F.	25.00	Fay, Miss Sarah B.	50.00
Brooks Mrs. P. B.	50.00	Paine. R. T. JR annual....	25.00
Brooks H. C.	5.00	Paine. The Misses annual..	25.00
Dexter, Franklin	25.00	Wales, Miss M. A.	25.00
A Friend	10.00	Shaw, Mrs. R. G.	5.00
Hunnewell, F. W.	20.00	Sears, Miss E. E.	5.00
Jackson, Miss E.	25.00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	50.00
Jackson, Edward	25.00	Rotch, Miss A. L.	20.00
Hooper, E. W.	50.00		
Hooper. R. W	50.00		<u>\$490.00</u>



Boys at the Home,

OCTOBER 5, 1883.



AGE. ENTERED,

1881.

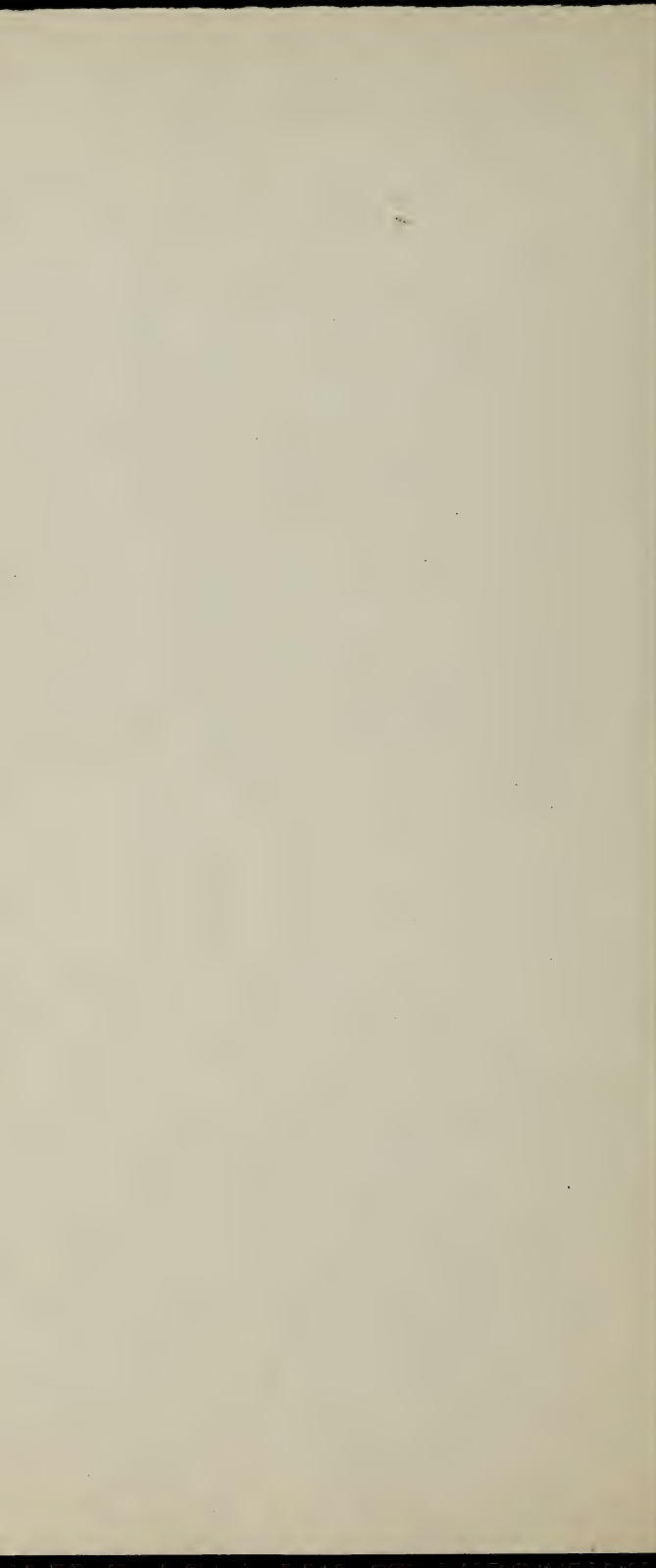
Rose, John W.	12	Nov. 21
Edgehille, William J.	12	Dec. 1

1882.

Mahoney, Joseph	12	Jan. 12
Thompson, Frederick L.	12	Jan. 20
Stone, Joseph	10	May 1
La Bua, Lawrence	9	May 19
Boeckmann, Chas.	12	Oct. 13
Bell, Alfred	10	Oct. 26
Hunter, John	11	Dec. 6
Gibson, George W.	11	Dec. 16

1883.

Hood, John J.	10	Jan. 8
Wheeler, Edward	10	Mar. 10
Treat, Percy	12	April 25
Broderick, Joseph	10	April 20
Hallett, George	12	May 1
Thain, Arthur	12	May 1
Howe, Franklin E.	10	May 3
Cosman, William C.	10	May 23
Gage, John H.	10	May 30
Newcomb, Guy R.	11	May 30
Curry, Samuel J.	10	June 1
Bryant, Frank A.	12	June 3
Adams, John Q.	12	June 15
Steele, George A.	10	June 17
Andrews, Charles	12	July 2
Flaherty, John	13	July 2
Moore, Willlam	13	July 5
Mackay, Jonathan	11	Sept. 12
Tait, William	13	Sept. 12
Hood, George	13	Sept. 22
Lamachie, Frank	12	Sept. 22



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REPORT.

The Children's Aid Society was incorporated "for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution of tender age in the city of Boston and vicinity, and of providing for them such other and further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin." In carrying out this object, the chief interest has gathered about the home at West Newton. The Society came into corporate being after the Home, for the purpose of supervision and support.

PINE FARM.

This Home was opened in June, 1864, twenty-one years ago. It is therefore of age and can speak for itself. The voicing of its report for the year just closed is assigned to one, who was present at the birth and who has lived in neighborly and pastoral relation to it through all the years of its life. He has seen the generations of boys come and go, and can testify to the inestimable good which has been wrought in the rescue of the majority of them from a wayward and criminal life.

Four hundred and fifty boys have been received into the Home. It is a notable exemption, which claims our grateful recognition, that not a single death has occurred,—nor any serious illness prevailed in the Home from the beginning. With such a record, there can be no doubt as to the healthfulness of the location. This is the grateful change, which first

impresses the boy on his arrival at Pine Farm, the striking contrast between the stifled, offensive air he has left behind him, and the clear, tonic breeze which greets him on our hill. This is a fitting prelude to the atmosphere he finds within the Home. These outward conditions reveal themselves. The writer has noted a change in the face in a brief period. The sickly hue passes away. The mellowing process begins and the boy loses his identity with the hard, surly, and suspicious looking being he appeared when entering the Home. But there are some upon whom sin has made such deep marks, that however reformed they may be, no influences can efface the visible record.

The work at the Home has gone on the same as in preceding years. The number admitted was twenty-six, while twenty-seven have left; of these, twenty-three have gone to places in the country. This is a larger number than usual. Four have returned to their parents. The last boy entered ran away and has not been returned.

Excellent reports come back from those who have left during the year. One boy, who came to the Home with the repute of being so wild and ungovernable, that nothing could be done with him, has been placed in a good home and is very ambitious in his studies at school, reporting an average of 87 in the April examinations. He was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal church on Palm Sunday, and officiates now in the taking of collections.

Miss Mary Washburn has continued the very helpful service of visiting the boys in their country homes, and reporting to the Directors, their condition and conduct. At the request of the Board, she has added to her duties that of seeking out boarding places for those who need homes,—who are poor, but not bad boys. This is a work claiming attention, which our Society can do under the terms of its charter.

While we hold our Home to the object of reformation, there are multitudes of children, who are younger and who, not viciously inclined, could be put at once into homes in the country at small expense. Frequent application for such has prompted the Directors to consider the feasibility of enlarging our work in this direction, and by another year, the results may be reported.

During a part of the year the Home has had more than its complement of boys—thirty-two—and as a result, several applications could not be received and the boys were sent down to the Island. The Directors felt that this ought not to recur, and they resolved upon the experiment of always keeping a vacancy in the Home, so that no one should be turned away. Miss Washburn is to hold a place in reserve in the country, to which the best boy in the judgment of the superintendent shall be sent, and so room be made for every applicant. It is very doubtful whether this will be sufficient relief in our exposure to many applications in a short time.

Our superintendent, Mr. Washburn, has continued his service with but little interruption from ill health. Every year confirms his singular fitness for his position. He inspires confidence in the conduct of the Home, revealing special tact in the management of the vicious and the wayward. He has a vigilant eye to detect anything wrong which the boys attempt to conceal. If a theft, he succeeds in tracing out the guilty party. If a runaway, he seems to know the exact locality where the boy will unwittingly run into his hands. After all this experience of more than sixteen years, in which every phase of boy life would seem to have passed before him, it is a question whether the combined wisdom of all the Directors upon boy nature, and how to deal with it, would equal the practical knowledge of our Superintendent in the management of the Home.

The cleanly and orderly appearance of the Home is a credit to our matron, Mrs. Snell. She has continued her work with a manifest increase of interest. The boys who have left, write back letters, indicating the strong hold she had secured upon them by her care and devotion to their higher interests.

The reports of the Visitors from month to month have been unanimous, in commending Miss Mary Snell for her success in the school room. She has kept good order, and inspired the boys with ambition in their studies and promptness in their recitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn have filled their places acceptably. Mrs. Alcorn has been compelled to take a respite from her arduous duties. It should be realized, that one of the most wearying positions in the Home, is to preside in the kitchen. To fill the mouths of thirty boys, three times a day, year after year, is a formidable task, and we cannot wonder in its constancy without vacation, there should be a break in health.

One of the busiest occupants of the Home may be found up stairs in the sewing room. How much we owe to the industry and economy of Miss Porter is not a matter of record.

The Directors have not felt warranted in continuing the printing office, as it would necessitate the employment of another person, as an expert to take charge of it and give instruction. The competition in such work is so great, that its continuance would be at a loss, and the training of the boys, not a sufficient remuneration.

At the same time, the Industrial department may claim increased attention and facilities. Doubtless the patrons of the Home have received a circular from Mr. Washburn, upon the opening of which, they were surprised with a neat helio-type picture of our Home with its happy group of boys,

playing in the foreground, and the central object, a tilt. For this enterprise, we are indebted to Mr. Hubbard. The boys have made twenty-seven of these tilts during the winter, with various other articles, which are for sale, and which will aggregate considerable income. This opens a new department, which may be worked with desirable results, as a fit accompaniment to the Farm. The one may claim their winter's, and the other, their summer's leisure out of the school-room. The use of tools is a very practical acquisition, even for those who do not become carpenters or builders.

Through the continued generosity of Mrs. Eldredge, the boys have been trained in singing by Mr. Reynolds. Much more satisfactory results could be secured by this training with less frequent changes, but the benefit to the boys is of more importance than their repute as a band of singers.

On the whole, the Directors congratulate the Society on the satisfactory condition of the Home. Each department is in competent hands.

THE COURT ROOM AND JAIL.

Uncle Cook continues his work at the Court Room and has brought several boys to Pine Farm during the year. Increasing infirmities compel him to do less than he would, but he retains a lively interest in the Home, and most earnestly desires that it should be held strictly to its original purpose, as a *reform* institution. His heart goes out to the multitudes, upon whom, from his perch in the Court Room, he looks down into the dock. Poor, miserable, guilty creatures! many of whom might have been saved by the influence of a Pine Farm Home.

The State now has its committee to relieve in this work, so that more of our boys come to us through the truant officers.

Miss Burnham has now completed more than twenty years in her service of visiting the boys in the jail. The monotony of the work is broken only by the variety of character with which she comes in contact, but it is the same story of guilt repeated in every visit. Her reports to the Directors are much the same from month to month.

GIRLS' FUND.

The other branch of our work—which has come down to us as an inheritance from the Newton Centre Home—has been carried on with a success, which the words of one of the committee on the Girls' Fund will best describe:

"A girls' fund of \$5,000 had been accumulating for a number of years, when in 1879 it was voted to use the income for little girls, who needed reforming, by paying their board in families in the country where they could be trained and taken from their evil surroundings. Since then, twelve have been under our charge. The accumulated income has long ago been spent, and each year money will have to be drawn from the general fund, unless the 'Girl's Fund' is increased. It must be taken into account, that one or both of the parents of more than two-thirds of these girls were bad, and that they were children who could not be kept or put into other Children's Homes, because of their bad influence, so that good results cannot be expected in every case. One is earning wages, has money in the bank and promises to be a useful woman. Three others have been under our care long enough for us to look for equally successful results. We had to return a bright girl to her adopted mother, with great regret, as her home was a poor one, because the absence of the child made the weak woman so ill that her doctor advised it.

"Two are in the Rutland Street Refuge; after putting them in place after place, and they doing badly everywhere, one was sent there, and the other to her parents. This little

girl is but thirteen ; but as her parents had no control over her, they soon put her in the Refuge by our advice. Another was about going to a place to begin to be self-supporting, when she had a fit. The matron of the Training School of the Young Woman's Christian Association has kindly taken her for a few months.

"Two more came only this spring. One of these little ones showed such evil tendencies at the Children's Mission, that they wanted her taken away as soon as possible. She went where there were no children. She already calls the man and his wife "Papa" and "Mamma," throws her arms around the mamma's neck when she comes from school, is a perfect pet and sunbeam in the house, and they find her a very good child—a change, indeed, for the little thing, who was taken from her mother by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. This motherly woman has had before, one of the girls for this Society.

"A girl of thirteen, who was considered by a teacher of a North End school to be one of the worst of her age, was brought to us. Three different women bore with her, as long as they could. Showing improvement and becoming more refined, yet a great trial, Mrs. B. after a year took her. Before many weeks, the girl seemed languid, so that all work was taken from her and everything done to help her. when, in July, 1884, she became alarmingly ill with pleuropneumonia. Each day for weeks seemed as if it might be her last. In September, the doctor said she could be moved to a hospital, but she seemed to have so short a time to live, and she was so contented with "Mother B," that it was decided to let her stay there to die. She faded slowly away in consumption, dying Dec. 23, 1884. Not many days before, when too weak to hold her work, she wanted to make some Christmas presents for those who had been caring for her.

She was buried from the village church of Dover, her little sister her mourner, her Sunday School teacher and others making the choir, and four young men her pall bearers. She was laid in a tomb and later buried in the town lot. Her father would not come to see her during her illness, yet when she left Boston he professed great love for her, and was willing to send her from her dreadful surroundings."

Much credit must be given to the efficiency of our Committee, for accomplishing so much with so little available for their use.

FUNDS.

The Treasurer will acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of \$5,000 from the estate of Joseph W. Swett.

Another of the same amount from the estate of Mr. Knowles of Worcester will doubtless come into our hands, after pending litigation shall allow the settlement of the estate.

We gratefully recognize our indebtedness to the dead, but our Treasurer would make his earnest appeal to the living that while we are "trying hard to enlarge our usefulness in taking charge of and looking out for boys in the streets of Boston, and hope to do a great deal in that way, if we do so, we shall have to ask our friends for more money."

It may be a question with all these pressing demands, whether the Society should not make more demonstrative appeal for funds. Thus far, our work has received support with only quiet personal effort.

OUR HISTORY.

The Home having come to age would make its strongest appeal through an historian. It is a quiet, unobserved charity, but so effective that to be known, would be to claim the benevolence of many, who are now ignorant of our work. Facts are arguments, and if the results of these

twenty-one years could be traced in a brief history, and the percentage of salvation be made known in the career of our graduates, it might open the way for the safe investment of large funds now idly waiting for such an opportunity. The circle of our patrons would be enlarged. The letters the boys write back to the Home,—the testimony to the great value of the Home to them at a critical time,—and the story of their subsequent life,—all are proof of the good and thorough work done. We make room here for some extracts from a specimen letter as an illustration.

It was written by one of the boys to his Sunday School teacher at West Newton.

PATTERSONVILLE, Iowa, March 29, 1885.

Dear Friend:—It has been a long time since I left there, and during that time I have knocked around a good deal. It was in August I left there, and from that time till the following January, I came all the way to Iowa. I was in New York City about two months when I heard that a party of young men and women were going to start for Iowa on the first day of 1883. Any one could go who would promise to stay with the man he went to work for, one year for his board and clothes, with the privilege of going to school in the winter. After this he was to receive wages according to his abilities. I made up my mind to go with them. When we arrived at the place which was to be our destination, we were taken to the Court House, where all those that wanted a boy or girl were gathered. A good many persons wanted the boy with the curly hair, but as I could not be divided very well, I went with the first one who asked me. I hired out until I was twenty-one. At that time, he is to give me \$300, or a team, wagon, harness and a new suit of clothes. Of course I will take the latter. I have been here two years and like my place very much. I will be seventeen the twenty-fourth of next month, and so will have to wait four years more.

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It seems lonesome out here, the country being mostly prairie, but it is fast filling up. Wild prairie sells for about \$15 an acre, and improved land \$30. The nearest town is five miles distant. The railroad passes within sixty rods of our house.

There are many different kinds of churches in this vicinity. I joined the United Brethren last winter, and although I have not been what I ought and desire to be, yet I am still clinging to the One who is nearer and dearer than a brother, and hope, by the spirit of God helping me, to live an upright and faithful life, so that when I am called to leave this world of sorrow and trial, it may be with joy. I feel within my heart a desire to live a better life than I have during the years gone by. Give my best respects to Mr. Washburn and the rest of the good people at the Home. I hope the Home is still going on in its good work. Tell the boys that they do not know how to appreciate a good thing until it is past and gone. I know this by experience. I remain

Yours respectfully,

J. O. A.

These testimonies might be multiplied. Uncle Cook writes: "I am often cheered and encouraged by being accosted on the street by young men, who speak gratefully of the instruction and help they received at Pine Farm." The writer is often hailed in the streets of Boston and gladly greeted by a Pine Farm boy.

These young men say that there were things which they thought a little severe at the time, but for which they are very grateful now. They can see how the discipline made them better men. There is concentrated truth in the quoted saying of Charles D. Warner in last week's Conference of Charities in Washington—"that the one thing most necessary in this country at present is discipline, moral and intellectual; the sort of discipline that makes a person in his youth do something that he does not wish to do."

FUTURE PLANS.

The Directors have felt that the time has come for enlarged operations, and they have had under discussion various plans to meet the increasing demands for reaching a larger number. The city has been growing, and there is a

constant accession to the material to be wrought upon in our work.

It has been suggested that we could pass the boys more rapidly through our Home, and get them to their homes in the country sooner, and so our number of graduates be increased. No doubt this might be done in exceptional cases, but the experiment might endanger the well earned repute of the Home. It is an acknowledged success as now administered, and the old proverb "let well enough alone" should make us conservative as to any radical change. The material upon which we are working will admit neither of abridgement nor haste in the process. *Quality* is of far more account than *quantity*. A great deal of work half done is not equal to less well done. This would explain the remark of Uncle Cook in a previous Report: "My convictions grow stronger by the experience of years, that those who are longest under training there, do the best when they leave." In another Report Mr. Paine lays special stress upon the two fundamental principles of the Society at its origin — the putting of boys in a *Home* and on a *Farm*. Our strength has been in this factor of Home life — and by so much as we weaken this by change, we impair our work. It is very doubtful whether we can safely take anything from the year and a half, which is the present average stay of the boys at the Home. This may be left to the wisdom of our Superintendent.

The Home should never become a *mere station house*, where a boy taries for a little while on his way from the city to the country, nor an *intelligence office* for the convenience of farmers and others needing his service. It should remain a *quiet staying place*, kept as free as possible from a state of ferment by the frequent coming and going. The boys are bad. We have no patent method of reform. It is a slow, patient process. It takes time. It cannot be hurried. Some

may go sooner than others, and a few may surprise us, if they leave before our judgment of their preparation would allow. But the average home is not equal to Pine Farm in the care of, and interest in, the boys. The expense being equal, it would be better to put them into the regular discipline of a system, and subject them to regular habits of life, than expose them to the mercenary purposes of many employers, and to the absence of religious influences.

Our home is a unique place. There is more of the *family* than the *institution* about it. There is not the slightest suggestion of anything penal in its atmosphere. The boys have their liberty. They wear no uniform. Their parents can visit them. There are no red tape restrictions. They find it a good, christian home, with the constant proofs of a hearty interest in their welfare. They should be kept there long enough to have these influences strike in, and the new color imparted become fast. This has been proved to us by the history of the Home.

ANOTHER HOME.

In the discussions about extending our work, the plan of duplicating our Pine Farm Home has been considered. Our honored President, in a previous report, very well said, that "after one, knowing the previous history and sad outward condition of one and another of our boys, should go out to the Home and see them in our well taught school, or it may be detailed for garden work, or possibly at play, or perhaps in the dining room around a plain but well covered table, his only question would be, Why not so multiply these little, unpretending homes that our great so called reformatories would hardly be needed?"

The Directors have discussed this plan and may be moved to adopt it, if sufficient funds are forthcoming. It is

suggested to begin only in a small way by the purchase of an inexpensive farm in a healthy location, retired from the city, yet accessible within an hour. It would require but little additional machinery in the starting and would grow up in the same way with our present Home. There would be positive advantage in having two homes for the purpose of grading. The younger and better boys might be placed in one, and those, needing longer and severer training, in the other. There can be little doubt, that the added home would be kept filled from the increasing number of boys, who are arrested in the beginnings of a criminal life. Our overcrowded condition and our inability to answer all the applications made during the winter, suggest this relief in the failure of other expedients to meet the demand.

The Directors have taken steps to extend their work in a way already hinted at, by securing as soon as the right man can be found, the services of an assistant agent, who shall devote himself to looking up friendless, destitute boys in the street, needing good homes, without the intermediate agency of reform, and sending them directly into the country. It is possible in the emphasis we have placed upon the criminal clause of our charter, that we have passed over the other, which precedes it, which refers to "the vagrant, destitute, and exposed." Here is a field we have never entered, which claims immediate attention. We should take special care that our ounce of prevention does not fall so far behind our pound of cure, as to add a hopeless weight thereto.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we commend this blessed charity to the attention of those who would put their money where it will do the most good. It is the work of saving — and cannot be estimated by any annual statistics. Figures cannot tell the

whole story,—but even these are enough to prompt the boast that our work is done with less of waste and absorption in the process, than that of any other agency we know. A few dollars have saved many a boy.

While thanking our donors for their generous gifts, we would express our thanks by asking for more. We are limited only by the means offered. We earnestly desire to enlarge our work and carry out the plans, which this Report suggests as follows: To employ an assistant agent; to plant another Home; to increase our "Girls' Fund;" and to strengthen the force and increase the facilities at Pine Farm.

So great is this work that we cannot possibly do too much. Figures have just come to hand from the last Conference of Charities at Washington, which impress us with the increase of the work in a few years. The capital, now invested in Juvenile Reformatories in the United States, is said to be not less than seven and one-half million, and the support annually of between ten thousand and eleven thousand inmates to cost one and one-half million.

Our work may seem as a drop in this ocean, but it is doubtful if in all this array of figures, there are any, which mean quite as much in the quality of the work, as the thirty boys at Pine Farm. Voluntary institutions are the most effective. The State must help in such great necessities, but the multiplication of such Homes as ours will secure the best results.

All these anxious problems, which are just now pressing into notice as threatening our life as a Republic, will be soonest and surest solved by such quiet and unobserved work as the Children's Aid Society is doing.

Respectfully submitted.

In Behalf of the Directors,

H. J. PATRICK.

P. S. Just as this Report is passing through the press, a cable dispatch announces the death of Rev. Rufus Ellis, D. D., at Liverpool, on the twenty-first of this month (September.)

He was our honored President, and no words can express the loss which this Society has sustained in his sudden departure. He has been interested in its work from the beginning, and always upon its Board of Directors.

We shall sadly miss his wise counsels—his quick, responsive sympathy with those whom we would aid—his interest in Pine Farm—his pleasant visits and words to the boys—his genial companionship and his Christian courtesy.

We must wait for the next year's Report for a worthy tribute to his loyalty and faithfulness—among the many charities which claimed his support—to the Children's Aid Society.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

In presenting my annual report, I am happy to be able to say that our farming operations have resulted more satisfactorily than for many years; the crops were more than an average. The hay crop was remarkably good, showing a higher state of cultivation of the ground. I think by the course, we are now pursuing we may look for increased receipts from the farm.

I have hired a piece of land for several years, but do not know how much longer I can have it. I think it will be well to begin to cultivate some of the land now used for pasture, as there are several acres that can be cultivated to advantage. Last fall we cleared about one and a half acres of woodland and removed the stone wall. This will make a valuable addition to the tillage land in time. We have found a ready sale for our small fruits and vegetables to those who desired them fresh, and are thereby aiding us in helping ourselves we trust others will desire to aid us in the same way as our crops increase.

The carpentry school last winter was quite successful, as we made twenty-seven tilts, six tables, several crickets and other things. The boys did more of the work themselves than in other years. I employed a man on Saturdays so as not to interfere with the school. We hope there are friends who will desire to aid us by purchasing the articles that have been made.

While we have been able to report better results from tilling the soil and from the carpentry school, we hope and trust that our labor has not been in vain in the more important part of teaching these boys to be industrious and self-reliant, that they may go from Pine Farm to other homes better fitted for usefulness in life. When we remember that our influence is telling day by day on these young minds, we are often led to exclaim who is sufficient for these things, and so labor on, trusting that our sowing may bear fruit in due season if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WASHBURN.

CROPS RAISED.

Strawberries	271 boxes
Raspberries	98 "
Peas	30 bushels
Currants	5 "
Green Beans	8 "
Dry "	6 "
Corn	66 "
Tomatoes	18 "
Potatoes	270 "
Turnips	66 "
Pears	6 "
Cabbages	2000 heads
Pickles	14,000
Hay	10 tons
Oat Fodder,	5 "
Corn Fodder,	1 1-2 "
Apples	14 barrels
Squashes	8 "

CROPS SOLD.

Strawberries	\$39 17
Raspberries	22 25
Peas	20 40
Currants	8 18
Corn	10 13
Beans	5 26
Tomatoes	3 97
Pickles	15 91
Cabbages	40 98
Potatoes	53 68
Eggs	17 56
Hay	72 19
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	\$309 68
Labor and Sundries	22 56
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	\$332 56

CARPENTRY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

To Cash paid Mr. Lent for 16 days' work . . .	\$40 00
“ for Lumber	55 94
“ “ Iron Work	33 75
“ “ Paint, Stains and Oil	7 20
“ “ Cherry and Table Legs	9 20
“ “ Nails and Screws	2 44
“ “ Heliotype	7 84
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	\$159 01

By Cash received for 12 Tilts, sold,	.	.	.	\$108 00
“ “ 2 Tables, “	.	.	.	13 00
“ 12 Crickets, unsold,	.	.	.	6 00
“ 13 Tilts, “	.	.	.	117 00
“ 3 Tables, “	.	.	.	12 00
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				\$256 00
2 Tilts for Boys use	.	.	.	18 00
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				\$274 00

Entertainments were as follows:

June 18, by invitation of Mr. Henry Grew we all had the pleasure of seeing the trained horses at the Boston Theatre.

July 4th was enjoyed as usual. Mr. George Armstrong provided the entertainment, as it has been his pleasure for many years to contribute freely that the boys should have a happy day.

September 3d, through the kindness of R. T. Paine, Jr., we enjoyed a day at Nantasket. It was a day of pleasure for all the family.

Our anxiety about our Thanksgiving was relieved through the liberality of the many friends who abundantly supplied all our needs for which we were very thankful.

Our Christmas tree, given by Mr. Seth Davis, was laden as usual, Mrs. Hemenway providing the gifts, also sending many gifts that will remind us of Christmas of '85 for a long time. Charity Circle of West Newton also remembered the boys with their usual gift.

February 22 is also a day to be remembered as Mrs. Hemenway's day. Her usual invitation to visit the "Old South" was enjoyed by all the family.

Next came an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Patrick to spend an evening at the parsonage, which always means a good time.

Thirtieth of May Mr. Wetherbee and friends of Newton Lower Falls provided an entertainment that boys always enjoy.

Mr. Frank Reynolds of Boston, still continues to teach the boys in singing, it has been very trying this spring owing to the many changes that have occurred. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge has for these many years kindly paid for the services of a teacher. It has been a source of pleasure and is often referred to after the boys leave the farm.

DONATIONS.

- Theodore Nickerson, Newton Centre, clothing.
 Mrs. N. T. Allen, West Newton, clothing.
 Francis Murdock, Newton, collars.
 Mrs. Sargent, Wellesley, pears.
 Mrs. Lee, Chestnut Hill, school books.
 Mrs. S. M. Loring, seven barrels apples.
 Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, rope for swings.
 Mr. H. A. Lamb, cloth for mittens.
 Mr. R. W. Kendall, four pieces of cloth.
 Mrs. Rollins, Newtonville, clothing.
 Mr. Charles Ross, plants for boys' gardens.
 Mrs. Claflin, plants for gardens.
 Mr. Joseph Raymond, apples and four dozen oranges.
 Mr. Claflin, one case of boots.
 Mr. H. S. Grew, school books.
 Mrs. E. W. Converse, Newton, clothing.
 Mrs. F. S. Rollins, Newtonville, clothing.
 Mrs. Cabot, Brookline, clothing.
 Mass. Bible Society, ten bibles.
 Mr. George Dix, one bushel onions.
 Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Newton Centre, Harper's Weekly
 and St. Nicholas.
 Miss M. Murdock, Cambridge, five copies Dumb Ani-
 mals.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS.

Mrs. D. D. Slađe, Chestnut Hill,	\$10 00
Mr. Josiah Glover,	5 00
Miss Helen Paine,	2 00
Friend, Newton,	1 00

Mr. Edward Upham, West Newton, one turkey.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, Boston, two turkeys.

Mr. R. W. Kendall, West Newton, one turkey.

Mrs. Graves, West Newton, one turkey.

Mr. C. Ross, one barrel potatoes, one barrel squash.

Mrs. Shepard, West Newton, pies.

Mrs. F. S. Rollins, Newtonville, nuts and candy..

Rev. Mr. Smith, Auburndale, one pair chickens.

Mrs. Smith, Chestnut Hill, bushel apples, jar of jelly.

Christmas, Mrs. Hemenway gave books and pair scales, blocks, thirty caps.

Miss Murdock, two books, \$5 to buy books for boys at places.

Miss Ellen Jackson, \$2.58.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Nott and Dr. Sanderson for services rendered, also, Newton Journal and Newton Graphic.

VISITOR'S REPORT.

There are at present thirty-four boys in families in the country, nineteen having been placed there since March first.

Two of the last mentioned number had been away before, but were returned to the Home for a time. One, who was returned for bad behavior, has now returned to the same place and is doing well.

The other ran away from his place with no apparent reason, after staying one month. He has now left his second place after staying two months, and has not yet been heard from.

Three out of five boys who have arrived at the age of sixteen are working in the country, and the other two have come to Boston and are at work, I believe, for very small wages.

One other who will be sixteen in December has become dissatisfied with farm life and wants to go to work with his brother, who is a stone cutter. That was his father's business.

With this one exception, all of the boys have written, expressing themselves as enjoying their homes and schools. Many of the older boys show by the improvement in their letters that they have been making good use of the time spent in school.

One boy, who was rather troublesome in school last year, has improved so much that his name is found on the roll of honor in the report of the School Committee this spring.

Ten boys have been visited during the year, and it was surprising to observe the growth of individuality in every boy. They no longer have the feeling that everything is to be done for them, but they seem to feel that they have a personal interest in every thing, and speak of things as

"ours." They prove beyond a doubt that "transplanting" is beneficial.

One little fellow who didn't know his letters when he came to Pine Farm in April, 1883, was found in January last to be considered one of the brightest boys in the school and in some things was ahead of those older than himself. He is very happy in his home, and probably will never forget his first thanksgiving day spent at a family gathering. He was so tired when he got home he "went to sleep standing up."

There is another boy of whom it was said by some one who knew him in Boston, "You never can make anything of that boy." It was necessary to keep him some time at Pine Farm, but he went away last summer and is earning \$5.00 a month. He is remarkably trusty and faithful about his work. The people with whom he lives have to be careful how they tell him to do work as he always does exactly as they say, no matter how hard or tiresome it may be. When sent to the field to gather squashes and told to bring the small ones, he brought every one no larger than an apple.

Some of the boys in Jaffrey have been visited twice during the year, as other business called me there. One has gone to an adjoining town to live with another man, as the one with whom he first lived had sold his farm.

One boy who was very troublesome at the Farm, now writes saying he is very sorry he was such a bad boy, and that they were not strict enough with him. The man who has taken him has promised to give him \$300 if he will stay with him until he is 21 years old.

Another says he would not change places with any of the boys.

In connection with my work I have written sixty-four letters and cards. I failed to find many people among those interested in "Country week" children willing to take one

boy to board. But one has taken one from Pine Farm.

Since there have been vacancies at Pine Farm, I have found two persons who will take boys and teach them as desired, so when the Home is full again the experiment of boarding boys can be tried. I think there will be less difficulty in finding places of this kind if the boys can be kept at Pine Farm a few weeks even in order to know them a little more thoroughly.

MARY J. WASHBURN.

June 12, 1885.

The following is a list of the boys at places this year:

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Scorgie, William H.	Stratham
Thompson, Ernest	Newington
Ryan, Edward	Richmond
Wallace, William	Jaffrey
Broderick, Joseph	"
Mackay, Jonathan	"
Durham, Frank	"
Thompson, Fred	Loudon
Lowe, Archie	"
Whitnert, Roland	Ringe
McKenna, George	Exeter

MAINE.

Brackley, Burton	Waterboro
Wheeler, Edward	"
Stevens, Edward	Smithfield
Stevens, John	"
Hartshorn, Albert	"

PENNSYLVANIA.

Hallet, George,	Philadelphia
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MASSACHUSETTS.

Parsons, Charles	Newburyport
Newcomb, Guy	Coleraine
Tait, William	Haverhill
Stone, Samuel	Ludlow
Treat, Percy	Newton
Thain, Arthur	Baldwinville
Hunter, John	Amesbury
Thomas, James	"
Harnden, Charles	Concord
Rowell, William	Spencer
Needham, James	South Natick
Howe, Frank	Hubbardston
Kendall, James	Ashburnham
Hatton, Richard	Barre
Loyd, William	No. Weymouth

VERMONT.

Cosman, William	Williamsville
Kirk, Fred	Randolph

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GIRLS' FUND.

Balance on hand May 15, 1884,		\$333 00
Income of Shaw Fund for Girls,		250 00
Subscriptions and Donations,		440 00
Expended for board and care of Girls,	\$894 25	
Balance on hand June 1, 1885,	128 75	
	<u>\$1023 00</u>	<u>\$1023 00</u>

BOYS' HOME.

Balance on hand May 15, 1884,		\$34 32
Income from Invested Funds,		1887 40
Annual Subscriptions,		1780 00
Donations,		707 70
Boys' Board,		144 00
Boys' Labor,		30 00
Profits of Farming,		69 99
Profits of Printing Press,		162 77
Legacy from Samuel W. Swett,		5000 00
Balance against Boys' Fund consisting of amount borrowed of Treasurer,	\$122 57	
Amount borrowed of Girls' Fund,	128 75	251 32
		<u>\$10067 50</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries in Boston,		\$550 00
Salaries at Pine Farm,	\$1801 38	
Clothing at Pine Farm,	141 16	
Fuel at Pine Farm,	224 42	
Provisions at Pine Farm,	835 35	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1495 53	4497 84
Swett Legacy, bought \$4000 Atchison, Topeka & Sante Fe R. R. First Mortgage 7 per cent. bonds,		\$4900 16
One share Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.,		119 50
		<u>\$10067 50</u>

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 1, 1885.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Atkinson George	- - -	\$10 00	Lyman, Theodore	- - -	25 00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	- - -	5 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	- - -	25 00
Bemis, Seth	- - -	25 00	Lowell, Miss G.	- - -	25 00
Billings, C. E.	- - -	50 00	Lowell, Hon. John	- - -	10 00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	- - -	50 00	Matchett, W. F.	- - -	10 00
Bowditch, J. I.	- - -	30 00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	- - -	10 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	- - -	20 00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	- - -	25 00
Brimmer, Martin	- - -	25 00	Paine, R. T. Jr.	- - -	50 00
Brewer, Cyrus	- - -	20 00	Paine, The Misses	- - -	25 00
Buck, Mrs. David	- - -	5 00	Pierce, Miss E. D.	- - -	5 00
Bullard, W. S.	- - -	20 00	Saltonstall, Henry	- - -	100 00
Chase, Chas. G.	- - -	20 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	- - -	25 00
Cabot, Dr. S.	- - -	20 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	- - -	10 00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	- - -	15 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	- - -	25 00
Clarke, Rev. J. F.	- - -	10 00	Shimmin, C. F.	- - -	10 00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	- - -	10 00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	- - -	5 00
Dupee, W. R.	- - -	5 00	Tolman, James P.	- - -	25 00
Ditson, Oliver	- - -	25 00	Wigglesworth, Miss	- - -	50 00
Endicott, Wm. Jr.	- - -	100 00	Wigglesworth, T.	- - -	20 00
Goddard, G. A.	- - -	25 00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. E.	- - -	20 00
Grew, H. S.	- - -	25 00	Ware, Dr. C. E.	- - -	15 00
Greenleaf, R. C.	- - -	50 00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	- - -	15 00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	- - -	100 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	- - -	10 00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	- - -	10 00	Walworth, Arthur C.	- - -	5 00
Hooper, E. W.	- - -	50 00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C.	- - -	5 00
Hubbard, C. T.	- - -	50 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C.	- - -	5 00
Hammer, E. C.	- - -	10 00	Whitney, Edward	- - -	20 00
Jackson, Mrs. C.	- - -	10 00	Wales, Mrs. M. A.	- - -	200 00
Jackson, Edward	- - -	10 00	Young, Miss F.	- - -	5 00
Jackson, Miss E.	- - -	10 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	- - -	25 00
Kidder, H. P.	- - -	50 00	Scudder, Mrs. M. S.	- - -	10 00
Lawrence, A. A.	- - -	30 00	Murdock, Miss Maria	- - -	10 00
Lincoln, W. H.	- - -	10 00			
Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	- - -	10 00			
Cunningham Mrs. F.	- - -	10 00			
Hubbard, C. E.	- - -	5 00			
Harris, E. K.	- - -	25 00			

 \$1,780 00

DONATIONS.

Loring, E. T. - - - -	\$50 00	Kimball, Mrs. D. P. - -	50 00
A Friend, thro' C. W. Scud-		Green, C. G. - - - -	5 00
der, - - - - -	25 00	Pulsifer, R. M. - - - -	20 00
Austin Edward - - - -	25 00	Shaw, Francis - - - -	25 00
Barnard, Miss M. W. - -	5 00	Thayer, Mrs. N. - - - -	100 00
Barnard, Mrs. G. M. - -	50 00	Warren, S. D. - - - -	100 00
do. for Thanksgiving	10 00	Wigglesworth T. - - -	50 00
James, Mrs. J. W. - - -	25 60	Mass. Charitable Fire Ass'n	
Hunnewell, H. H. - - -	25 00	- - - - -	100 00
N. P. H., through Mrs. Slade		Eliot Church, Newton -	12 70
for cellar - - - - -	10 00		
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S. floor	20 00		
			<hr/> \$707 70

In addition to this amount there was received from Mrs. A. Hemenway, her usual donation of Fifty Dollars for Christmas, which was expended through the Committee on the Christmas Tree.

DONATIONS TO GIRLS' FUND.

Dexter, Franklin - - -	25 00	Paine, Misses - - - -	25 00
Hunnewell, F. W. - - -	25 00	Wales, Miss M. A. - - -	25 00
Jackson, Edward - - -	25 00	Rotch, Mrs. B. S. - - -	10 00
Mr. Glover - - - - -	30 00	Rotch, Miss A. L. - - -	10 00
Hooper, E. W. - - - -	50 00	Rotch, Arthur - - - -	10 00
Hooper, R. W. - - - -	50 00	Rotch, A. Lawrence - -	10 00
Lawrence, Mrs. A. A. -	20 00		
Loring, Mrs. W. C. - -	100 00		
Paine, R. T. Jr. - - -	25 00		
			<hr/> \$440 00

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REPORT.

THE year now closing must always be looked upon as an important one in the history of the society. Apart from the new fields of work entered upon, the resignation of Mr. Washburn marks the close of one era of "Pine Farm." May all future ones be as satisfactory!

Mr. Washburn's service to the society has not been such as can be described in a few words. Those only who have been for years associated with him can have any idea how entirely the past seventeen years have been devoted to its work. Two years ago, being completely worn out, and feeling that he had done his part in the work, Mr. Washburn wished to resign; but, being somewhat strengthened by a trip south, he consented to keep on. Since then he has had but three days' vacation.

The work at the "Farm" has gone on much the same as in previous years. On September last, our matron, Mrs. Snell, decided to make a change, and accept another place; and Miss Jane Furber was engaged. Miss Furber has filled the place faithfully and well; but, at the time of Mr. Washburn's resignation, the directors felt, that, to be fully in keeping with the avowed policy, they must have a man and wife to be the father and mother of the Home; and they have engaged Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Moore, lately assistant manager and matron of the State Primary School at Monson. Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn and Miss Snell are still with us.

This year must record the most serious illness that the Home has ever experienced. Early in the spring, owing to

their own careless exposure, two boys were attacked with pneumonia. But careful nursing, under the direction of Dr. Albert Nott, soon restored them to health.

During the last twelve months fifty boys have been received into the home; of these, twenty-four have already left, their stay here averaging four and a half months. Nineteen boys have also left whose time here has averaged fourteen months.

Miss Washburn is now permanently engaged as visitor among the boys placed in the country, and during the last year has made some sixty visits, besides having carried on quite a correspondence.

The mental training of the boys is quite an important factor in our work, and yet on this point there seems to be a difference of opinion. In the short time that they are under our care, they can make but little progress in their studies. The greater part of their schooling will be obtained after leaving "Pine Farm;" and an important part of our work should be to stimulate their imagination and independent thought, and to create in them a love of study and an ambition to educate themselves.

Some hold, however, that routine training, learning to answer the set questions of the text-books, is sufficient for this class. The question is worthy of deep consideration. In the present age of demagogues and professional labor agitators, is it not of the utmost importance that the early training of the laboring-classes should be such as to teach them to use their own judgment, and to have confidence in it, that they may carefully scrutinize the statements made by those who would inflame their passions, pick out the interested motives, detect the fallacies, and judge the case coolly and dispassionately?

Will the ordinary school-routine of set questions and answers give this training? Does it not rather require independent work on the teacher's part, that will call for independent thought from the scholar?

Another important point in both the intellectual and moral training of these boys is their choice of reading. It is not uncommon nowadays to hear well-intentioned people express doubts as to the success of education of the masses. The knowledge of reading, they claim, simply enables the class to read the sensational and immoral papers. They thus become acquainted with the details of every crime, until, by frequent repetition, such scenes seem a natural part of the world's life. Now, the only cure for this is to teach children *what* to read, at the same time they are taught *how* to read. Their attention should be called to the best of books, and they should be encouraged in the habit of reading to themselves. A child who has once cultivated a taste for pure books will rarely care for bad ones. Cannot more in this line be accomplished?

A great deal of reading aloud has always been done on winter evenings. But being read to aloud does not necessarily educate a taste for reading by one's-self. When the boys take places on farms, neither the farmer nor his wife are likely to read aloud to them; and, unless they take to reading themselves, they will get none at all. Mr. Washburn had appreciated the importance of this, and had already taken steps to follow it out.

During the past year, quite a number of modern juvenile books have been given to the library, and are very popular with the boys.

The "Farm" never looked in better condition than it does this spring; and it is beginning to assume the air of a regular market-garden, which, in time, we hope to make it. The amount of produce raised has been annually increasing in value, and has been sold at good prices to families in the neighborhood. It is thought that by procuring a light market-wagon, and thus making a larger circuit of distribution, these direct sales can be largely increased. This matter is to receive attention.

The committee on "Girls' Fund" report: "There have

been fourteen girls in all taken by the society, — two new ones this year, both about ten years old ; one steals in small ways, the other was ungovernable. There are four being boarded at the expense of the society, four earning wages, two earning board and clothes, and one who works for her board while she goes to school. Two have been returned to their parents, one has been sent to the "Refuge," and one has died."

One girl, who has had nine different places in the last six years, has again left a good place, where she was thought to have been finally settled. With this exception, the report is very promising.

Our report of 1884 outlined several new fields of work for the society, — that of duplicating our present home ; of arranging to send to country-homes children who are exposed to evil influences, but not yet wayward enough to need the training of Pine Farm ; and also of engaging an out-door worker among the city children. Last year's report again called attention to this new work, and this year finds it rapidly progressing. The plan of having an out-door worker has been fully developed in the engagement of Mr. C. W. Birtwell. This is a new departure in the society's work ; but it has already shown important results, and will largely increase our work. Mr. Birtwell, in various ways, becomes acquainted with families in the poor and degraded parts of the city, studies the character of the children, and the best way to help them, — whether in their own homes, or by entire removal from their surroundings. Among the children Mr. Birtwell is trying to help, are the juvenile offenders who are put upon probation by the court. These children are sent back to the same evil influences that led them into the wrong for which they were arrested, without any provision for their subsequent oversight. In this work among the children's homes, Mr. Birtwell makes use of the existing agencies for the industrial, mental, and moral benefit of these children. He places them in industrial schools, evening schools, sewing-

classes, etc., which otherwise, owing to the ignorance and neglect of their parents, would not be used. In addition to his own work among poor and morally exposed children, he brings to them volunteer visitors, each visitor becoming the especial friend and moral guardian of some particular child or children. He is also establishing home juvenile libraries among these children. Even in the worst localities of the city, children can be found who will act as librarians. On the walls of their homes will hang neat little bookcases, containing a dozen or fifteen books and also copies of the best juvenile papers and magazines. Under Mr. Birtwell's supervision, these little librarians will circulate the books and papers among the children of the neighborhood; and, when one set has been the rounds of its youthful readers, it is to be changed for a set from another locality. Besides bringing to light a much greater number of boys and girls who need the reforming influences now provided by the society, Mr. Birtwell's work has also shown clearly that there are many children, who, by reason of destitution, neglect, or moral exposure, need to be cared for, and who at present must be sent to city or State pauper institutions; or torn forever from upright and industrious, but temporarily unfortunate, parents, to be placed out for adoption; or else left to run the streets until evil habits are acquired, and reformation, instead of mere prevention, becomes necessary. Provision for the boarding of these children in families in the country, — the parents and relatives, so far as may be, helping to defray the expenses until the children become self-supporting, or can properly be returned to their own homes, — would fill what is at present a conspicuous gap in the child-saving work of our city. It is interesting and instructive to watch the various stages children pass through under the influences of a degraded home or evil associates on the streets. The smaller children are innocent, bright, and natural. As they grow older, and see and feel the brutality and coarseness about them, they grow sullen, and seem to lose heart. This

is the dangerous epoch. If they are not saved here, if some ambition is not aroused, some bright prospects held out in the future, they soon drift into vicious habits, that take years to eradicate.

In the past, owing to its ways of finding children, the society has devoted itself almost entirely to those who have reached this later stage. But they now feel, that, in using the pound of cure, they have neglected the ounce of prevention.

Our most pressing need now is better facilities for placing in the country the Pine Farm boys, and city children who need to be temporarily removed from their homes.

At present we are restricted to acquaintances made by Miss Washburn in her country visits, and to direct correspondence with farmers who may answer advertisements. Miss Washburn's visits are limited; and, while possible homes for these children exist in every township in New England, there is great choice in their selection, and correspondence is not the same as personal acquaintance with those who are to form a boy's character at the most impressionable time of his life.

Why should not the society have branch societies, or associate members, scattered through the country, after the manner of the State Visiting Agency of Minor Wards, the Hampden County Children's Aid Society, the Philadelphia Children's Aid Society, and other similar institutions?

These associate members need not necessarily be those who would take children into their homes, but people of good judgment in the selection of homes, large acquaintance among their neighbors, and willing to spend time in selecting homes and visiting children placed in them. These associate members can correspond with the society, either through their agent or superintendent, or through particular managers who may be deputed to represent them.

In the permanent engagement of Mr. Birtwell and Miss Washburn, the society has committed itself to new work,

that will largely increase its expenses ; but they believe that the good accomplished will be fully in proportion to the money spent, and they hope that their friends and the public will give them such support as to enable them to carry out all they have undertaken. Owing to these new expenses, the movement towards another home will have to be postponed. But, as our work enlarges, the need of one is becoming more and more urgent ; and it is hoped that in the near future we shall be able to carry out our plans in this respect also.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

IN presenting this annual report, it gives me pleasure to say that the income from the farm has largely increased, — it being double the amount of last year; and I see no reason why it should not increase in years to come, as we find a ready sale for fresh fruits and vegetables, at good prices, to those who are willing to aid us in our work. I am convinced that it will be necessary to purchase another horse for this purpose and other uses, as there is work enough for the two we now have the most of the time. I think Pine Farm never looked so well as at the present time. We started a new industry last season, that has given employment to the boys, and greatly benefited the farm, — that of drilling and blasting rocks. There are plenty of rocks that need to be removed, and we find a ready sale for them. The work in the carpentry school during the winter was making wheelbarrows, bushel-boxes, chicken-houses, etc., — employing a man on Saturdays only. We made twelve wheelbarrows: many of them will be needed for the boys' use on the farm.

We have on hand, for sale, tilts, wheelbarrows, bookcases, towel-racks, tables, for all of which we would be happy to find purchasers.

CROPS RAISED.

Strawberries	.	.	.	.	.	.	975 boxes.
Raspberries .	.	.	.	.	.	.	104 “
Blackberries	.	.	.	.	.	.	36 “
Peas	32 bushels.
Currants	16 “

Butter	\$3 44
Tallow	2 78
Cow and calf	34 00
Stone	69 30
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	\$731 00
Labor and sundries	36 82
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	\$767 82

Permit me, dear friends, to say a few words in this my last report: —

Seventeen years ago I engaged in this work with my family. We came from farm-life with fear and trembling. We all had many things to learn. But we ever found words of encouragement and sympathy from those who were deeply interested in the work of saving boys. Each year becoming more and more interested, and learning lessons never to be forgotten from those who were able to teach us, — some older, and many who were younger, — we labored on until a change in our family, that taught me the importance of having a teacher that was adapted to this kind of work.

Then the loss of those we had learned to love and revere for their faithful words and counsels seemed, at the time, almost irreparable. Next came the loss of one that was more than a helpmeet, whose life and interest were wholly devoted to her work here. It seemed for a time that I could not go on and do any good here.

The lesson I have since learned is, that a man and wife should be at the head (with no disrespect to those who have labored with me the past five years). Then came the loss of our dear president, which has been most keenly felt by us all.

Now, there is another view we will look at for a moment: From an old, worn-out farm, with old buildings and poor accommodations, we now see a good barn, a house well fitted

for the work, and a farm of which we need not feel ashamed. I also trust that the more important and higher work has not been in vain. It has been a work of sowing. While there have been failures and discouragements, yet the fruits in many other cases have led us to rejoice that we have not labored in vain.

Grateful for the many tokens of esteem that I have received at different times, and after your kindness two years ago, I may say that I was overwhelmed at the parting token that I received last month. I feel wholly unworthy of such esteem. I shall ever feel under deep obligations to the directors of the Boston Children's Aid Society, and ever feel a deep interest in the good work you are doing, and pray that the work may prosper in the hands of those you have selected as your superintendent and matron to care for and instruct the boys that come to Pine Farm Home.

Very truly yours,

C. H. WASHBURN.

DONATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

June.—Mr. George Dix, tomato-plants.

July 4th.—Mr. George Armstrong gave ice-cream, cake, bananas, candy, peanuts, and lemons.

Mr. R. R. Cook, salmon for dinner.

August.—Mrs. N. T. Allen, West Newton, clothing.

Mr. Henry S. Grew, \$10 for trip on river.

September.—Mrs. F. S. Rollins, Newtonville, clothing.

Mrs. Arthur Felton, West Newton, clothing.

October.—Mrs. J. B. Chase, West Newton, clothing.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, Boston, woollen cloth and lap-robe for carriage.

November.—For Thanksgiving.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, \$10.

Miss R., \$10.

Mr. R. W. Kendall, one turkey.

Mrs. A. Graves, one turkey.

Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, four turkeys.

Mr. W. E. Glover, oysters.

Mr. M. M. Wadsworth, pears.

Mr. B. T. Henry, Rowe, Mass., two kegs apple-jelly.

Friend, one book.

Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, for books, \$20.

For libraries in Boston:—

“Little Women,” of Brookline, \$15.

Mr. C. W. Hubbard, \$20.

For incidental charity in Boston:—

Friends, \$25.

December. — Mrs. Hemenway, \$50 for Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Joseph Raymond, five dozen oranges.

Miss Jane Furber, three dozen collars and neckties.

Mr. Seth Davis, Christmas-tree.

Mr. H. A. Lamb gave each boy twenty-five cents.

January. — Mr. Steven Cate, West Newton, gave the boys a sleighride, which was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill, clothing.

Miss Helen Paine, coats and slippers.

Mr. H. S. Grew, copy of "Transcript" one year.

Mrs. William Claflin, case of boots.

Mr. R. W. Kendall, three pieces of cloth for pants, cotton flannel, and remnants.

Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Newton Centre, clothing, "Harper's Young People," and "St. Nicholas."

Feb. 22. — Boys visited the Old South by invitation of Mrs. Hemenway.

Mr. C. W. Hubbard, four books.

April 8. — Mr. H. A. Lamb employed Mr. Upham to entertain the boys, which he was successful in doing.

Mrs. E. W. Converse, Newton, clothing.

Mr. E. C. Hammer, one Douglass pump and ten feet of pipe.

Mrs. F. S. Rollins, Newtonville, clothing.

Unitarian sabbath school, East Boston, box of books.

Hospital Newspaper Company, two barrels of books, pamphlets, and papers.

Two years since we were denied the privilege of bathing we have enjoyed for so many years in Bulbough Pond. Mr. James Allen kindly allowed the boys to bathe in his pond which he has fitted up at great expense. Our thanks are also due to Dr. Nott for the valuable service he has so cheerfully rendered during the year.

Dr. Sanderson, dentist, has also freely given his services when required.

"Newton Journal" and "Newton Graphic" have also kindly remembered us during the year.

VISITORS' REPORT.

The following is a list of the boys at places June 1, 1886.

BOYS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Wellington, William, West Newton.	Rumford, Timothy, Amesbury.
Barossi, Joseph, West Falmouth.	Rowell, William, Rehoboth.
Lamachie, Frank, Swansea.	Needham, James, Natick.
Ford, Fred, Ashby.	Howe, Franklin, Hubbardston.
Newcomb, Guy, Coleraine.	Wetherby, Charles, West Newton.
Tait, William, Haverhill.	Oderkirk, William, Windham.
Stone, Samuel, Ludlow.	Raitt, Sidney, South Boston.
Treat, Percie, Newton Centre.	McLoud, Fred, Boston.
Hunter, John, Amesbury.	Tagney, Maurice, Brimfield.
Thomas, James, “	Johnson, Charles, Newburyport.

BOYS IN MASSACHUSETTS OVER SIXTEEN.

Hatton, Richard, Barre.	Whiting, Ulysses, Amesbury.
Loyd, William, North Weymouth.	Hall, George, “
Ryan, Edward, Weston.	

BOYS IN MAINE.

Vandell, Arthur, Enterprise.	Wheeler, Edward, South Water-
Parsons, John, “	borough.
Hartshorn, Albert, Smithfield.	Brackley, Burton, South Water-
Stevens, John, “	borough.
Stevens, Edward, “	McPherson, John, Belfast.

BOYS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Middleton, William, Stratham.	Broderick, Joseph, Jaffrey.
Arkanson, Warren, “	Mackay, John, “
Mc Kenna, William, Exeter.	Barnes, John, “
Kendall, James, Ashburnham.	Wallace, William, “
Durham, Frank, “	Scates, Cushing, Pittsfield.
Lowe, Archie, Loudon.	Hunter, Percie, East Wakefield.
Thompson, Fred, “	Noland, Clarence, Newington.
Olsen, Kristen, “	Wisweld, Frank, New Boston.
Whitnert, Roland, Rindge.	

BOY OVER SIXTEEN.

Thompson, Ernest, Newington.

BOYS IN CONNECTICUT.

Grieve, Robert, Darien.

Witter, Wylie, Norwich.

Cosman, William, Colebrook.

BOY IN VERMONT.

Barrett, James, Brandon.

BOYS OVER SIXTEEN.

Kirk, Fred, Randolph.

| Pettingell, Albert, Vershire.

BOY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Hallett, George, Pottsville.

BOYS BOARDING.

Edwards, Samuel, New Boston, N.H.

| Canby, Charles, Foxborough, Mass.

Knight, William, " "

| Ruby, Thomas, " "

Oderkirk, Edward, " "

| Stark, George, " "

Thorp, Herbert, Pratt's Junct., Mass.

| Etheridge, John, " "

A year ago there were thirty-four boys at places in the country.

At the present time there are fifty-five boys at places, including eight who are more than sixteen years old, and who are receiving wages. Three of the places for the last-mentioned number of boys were found at their own request, they having learned from experience that life on a farm is better than life in the city.

One of these is twenty-one years of age; and, while serving a short term in Concord Reformatory, he has had an opportunity to see what is his weak point.

He said, "I wish to work on a farm, where I shall not be tempted to drink."

And it was very gratifying to find a man, who, knowing his record, was willing to take him into his family, and try to help him to overcome his weakness.

Of the thirty-one boys placed in the country during the past year, but two have persistently refused to remain there.

During the year I have made fifty-six visits, and, with two exceptions, have found the boys in homes which are as good as we can expect them to be.

Eight boys have run away from their places, two so recently that no disposition has yet been made of them. The rest have been placed in other homes, where they are doing very well.

Three boys have been returned to Pine Farm as unsatisfactory. One of them, after a stay of six months there, went to another place, and is doing well.

One boy has been sent directly from the city, without Pine-Farm training; and the people with whom he is placed write that thus far they have found him to be obedient and happy.

The experiment has been tried of boarding in the country boys who have been at Pine Farm, and have improved in behavior, but are not old enough to be placed out free of expense. In two cases out of five, it was soon abandoned by the people who took them, because they could not properly attend to other duties.

The best boarding-place is in the family of a widow lady, who has five children of her own. She feels no fear for her own children, for she has had experience in taking "Country Week" children. The first went there last autumn; and in April, when I took two more boys there, I found him greatly improved, and seeming to have caught the helpful spirit that I observed in the other children when I took him there. This lady does her own farm-work, with the help of her children; being obliged, on account of her health, to live out of doors. Thus the boys have constantly her personal supervision, — and a more kindly, unselfish family, I have yet to see. One boy, who said he "should run away if he did not

like," has not run away, and will be loath to leave when he must earn his board.

The four boys who are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Morse at Foxborough are very happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse are, no doubt, better qualified than the average family would be to train boys to be industrious.

Another boy, who was considered a not very promising subject, on being placed out to board, is doing much better than was expected; and his removal seems to be a benefit to himself and to the little boys at Pine Farm, over whom he had a great influence.

Of all the boys sent away from Pine Farm, I can safely say that more than half reflect nothing but credit upon those who feel responsible for them. Only this week I received an application for a boy, because a neighbor's boy had done so well.

It is a great pleasure to hear the boys so heartily commended. One man has had a boy two years, and must know his failings, but says, "I have the best boy in town."

It has been said by another family, "We can always depend upon John's word, for he has never told us a lie."

A letter from a lady in Maine says, "John and I have kept house for six weeks this winter. It must have been lonesome for him, but he is the best dispositioned boy I ever saw."

One boy, who has always been easily led astray, writes, "I am trying to make a man of myself." Another little boy has twice, on being reprov'd, started to run away, but has found that his new home had too strong a hold upon him; and each time he begged to be taken back.

Many of the boys, while they have much to enjoy, are not supplied with books and papers. Therefore I have distributed more than fifty magazines that have been read at Pine Farm, and the boys value them more highly than they did when they were there.

During the past year I have written to and about boys

two hundred and one letters, and have received one hundred and fifty. There are a great many shades and degrees of differences between success and actual failure in a boy's career, and much visiting and care are required to steer many of the boys as far as possible from failure.

Accident, and interest in the boys who used to be at Pine Farm, have led to my knowing more or less of those who are in Boston.

There are more than twenty-five under twenty-one years of age who are doing well, and many older than that who are doing very well.

This is the first year that there has been a call for boys in Connecticut, it being said that places have been supplied with boys from Monson. There are good reports from the three boys who went there in April, and a year will prove whether they earn as good a reputation there as in the other New-England States. There will be little or no difficulty in finding places for boys, while their record remains as good as it is now. But it is hardly possible to hold places in reserve; for, when a farmer finds he wants a boy, he wants him immediately. There is much less difficulty in holding boarding-places.

We have found that one of the most pleasing occasions in a boy's life is the reception of a Christmas gift. Through the thoughtfulness of two or three ladies, there were forty such gifts sent last year. Nearly all were books, with knives or neckties for those who do not care to read.

There seems to be on the part of the parents much less objection to having their boys go into the country, when they can see and know who is to visit them, and who will be interested in their welfare. They seem to feel more confidence when they understand that there is to be a definite interest taken in each boy.

Several of the railroad companies have helped the work along, by giving passes or reduced rates. Mr. Lord, president of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and Mr. Tuttle,

general passenger agent of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, gave me passes : and the latter gentleman also passes the boys above twelve years of age at half rates. The Boston and Albany and the New-York and New-England Companies give half rates for the boys and myself.

MARY J. WASHBURN.

JUNE 1, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GIRLS' FUND

Balance on hand June, 1885	\$128 75	
Income from Shaw Fund for Girls	250 00	
Donations from subscriptions	285 00	
Expended for board and care of girls	\$406 27	
Balance on hand June, 1886	257 48	
	<u>\$663 75</u>	<u>\$663 75</u>

BOYS' FUND.

Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$2,139 30	
Subscriptions	1,647 00	
Donations	1,444 00	
Profits of printing press	93 34	
Received for boys' labor	26 50	
Received for board from parents and guardians	186 00	
Farm produce sold	741 32	
Legacy from Mrs. Valeria G. Stone	250 00	
Legacy from Mrs. Fenno Tudor	500 00	
Collected on A. G. Cowles's mortgage	100 00	
Balance overdrawn	8 44	
	<u> </u>	\$7,135 90

Expenditures.

Salaries in Boston	\$1,058 33	
Salary Miss Washburn as visitor to Boys in the country	150 00	
Travelling and other expenses	320 05	
	<u> </u>	\$1,528 38
Board of boys placed in the Country Boys' Home,		159 71

Salaries	\$1,896 64
Clothing	288 53
Provisions	759 66
Miscellaneous	2,141 33
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	\$5,086 16
Expended on farm for manure, etc.	211 65
Insurance on house and buildings at Pine Farm	150 00
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	\$7,135 90

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 1, 1886.

Boston, June 7, 1886.

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts, and found them correct, with the proper vouchers.

CHAS. E. BILLINGS, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Atkinson, George	\$10 00	Lowell, Miss G.	\$25 00
Bemis, Seth	25 00	Lowell, Hon. John	10 00
Billings, C. E.	50 00	Lyman, Theodore	25 00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I. . . .	50 00	Merriam, Charles	10 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20 00	Merriam, Mrs. Charles. . .	10 00
Brimmer, Martin	25 00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25 00
Buck, Mrs. David	5 00	Newman, W. H. H.	15 00
Bullard, W. S.	20 00	Paine, R. T.	50 00
Clarke, Rev. J. F.	10 00	Paine, The Misses	25 00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	10 00	Pierce, Miss E. D.	5 00
Ditson, Oliver	25 00	Salstonstall, Henry	100 00
Endicott, William, jun. . .	100 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25 00
Goddard, G. A.	25 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00
Grew, H. S.	50 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	20 00
Greenleaf, R. C.	50 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	10 00
Hammer, E. C.	25 00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5 00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100 00	Tolman, James P.	25 00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10 00	Wigglesworth, Miss	50 00
Hooper, E. W.	50 00	Wigglesworth, T.	20 00
Hubbard, C. T.	50 00	Ware, Dr. C. E.	15 00
Hubbard, C. W.	25 00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	15 00
Hubbard, C. E.	5 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10 00
Hubbard, J. M.	2 00	Wales, Miss M. A.	200 00
Jackson, Mrs. C.	10 00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C. . . .	5 00
Jackson, Edward	10 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C. . . .	5 00
Jackson, Miss E.	10 00	Whitney, Edward	20 00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25 00	Young, Miss F.	5 00
Kidder, H. P.	50 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25 00
Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10 00		
Lowell, Miss A. C.	25 00		
			\$1,647 00

DONATIONS.

Bradlee, Mrs. F. H. . . .	\$10 00	Kimball, Mrs. D. P. . . .	50 00
Brooks, Shepherd	20 00	Kuhn, Mrs. H.	5 00
Barnard, Mrs. G. M. (for drying-room)	100 00	Lee, Henry	20 00
Rev. Calvin Cutler's Bible- class	3 00	Mass. Charitable Fire Asso- ciation	100 00
Chase, Miss Ellen	25 00	Mason, Miss I. M. . . .	200 00
Cary, Mrs. W. F.	25 00	Osborne, Rev. E.	13 00
Eliot Church, Newton . . .	50 00	Pickering, Mrs. H. . . .	25 00
Fay, Miss S. B.	25 00	Rogers, H. B.	100 00
A Friend	5 00	Rotch, Mrs. A. L. . . .	100 00
A Yound Friend	3 00	Rotch, A. Lawrence . . .	50 00
Gray, Mrs. Horace	25 00	S.	20 00
Gray, Miss E. C.	20 00	Warren, S. D.	100 00
Green, C. G.	5 00	Wales, Miss (for Mr. Birt- well's salary)	200 00
Harris, E. K.	25 00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. E. . .	20 00
Hemenway, Mrs. A. (for Christmas)	50 00		
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S. . . .	50 00		
			\$1,444 00

SPECIAL DONATIONS TO GIRLS' FUND.

A Friend	\$10 00	Mason, Miss Ida M. . . .	100 00
Hemenway, Mrs. A., jun. .	100 00	Wales, Miss M. A. . . .	25 00
Paine, R. T. (annual) . . .	25 00		
Paine, The Misses (annual),	25 00		\$285 00

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"PINE FARM," WEST NEWTON, MASS.

R E P O R T .

THE work done by the Children's Aid Society during the past year has been greater than ever before.

The last annual report gave as under our care eighty-six boys, besides those visited in Boston by our agent, Mr. Birtwell; this year there are one hundred and sixteen of these boys. A statement by Mr. Birtwell, of the work done by him, will be given in the printed annual report. The statement is only partial: all that he does can never be recorded. His energy is endless, and his earnestness a lesson to all.

The plan of having a visitor for the boys placed in families, which was begun four years ago, has proved to be an excellent one. In this way the Society keeps its hold upon boys who would otherwise slip away from under its influence; and the boys themselves hold a deep regard for Miss Washburn as its representative. Many instances are known where they have refrained from wrong doing because they knew that Miss Washburn would disapprove of it.

So few know how the new Home at Foxborough is carried on, that we add a short account of it to this report.

A Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, in Sudbury, have done so well for the boys who have boarded with them that we hope to keep five there. Wherever the boys are put out to board, they are sent to school, and trained for work. Our visitor sees them often enough to insure their being well cared for.

Since our last meeting the whole household at Pine Farm has changed. We miss and shall always miss the familiar face of Mr. Washburn, who was there for so many years. His place has been filled by Mr. B. F. Moore, a refined, cultivated man. His gentle, yet firm way has a great in-

fluence upon these boys, who come to us rough and undisciplined. Under his charge they soon become orderly and obedient.

Mrs. Moore, the matron, has had a trying year, and we are indebted to her for her faithfulness. Mr. Easterbrook, who came to us as farmer in March, appears to be an excellent man for the place.

The produce of the farm materially helps us to meet our annual expenses, which would otherwise be larger than those of some homes where the children can go to the public schools. The receipts from products sold amounts to \$811.76 ; that, with the board paid by parents, amounts to \$1,216.26 ; deducting this from the expenses of the home (we except the cost of painting the house, the new horse and wagons, and \$100.00, an estimate cost of clothing sent to the boys who are boarding) and we find that the average cost of a boy per year is \$152.63, or \$2.93 per week.

The office of President of the Society was vacant for many months after the death of Rev. Rufus Ellis. To Mr. Ellis the Society must be always deeply indebted. In spite of all his other cares, he was always ready to do more than his share of the work. His sound judgment acted like a balance wheel. The interest and earnestness which he showed in this charity brought us many friends. At the last annual meeting Mr. George S. Hale was elected as his successor.

There are still questions with respect to the management of boys for whom the Society cares which have not been worked out to our satisfaction. Some boys are ungovernable wherever they are placed. They are moved from one home to another until they prove themselves unfit to remain a member of a private family. They are then returned to Pine Farm, but here their influence is bad on the younger boys. The question arises, What is to be done with them?

Another question comes up, from the fact that under our agent, boys are brought to us in such numbers that the system heretofore adopted by the Society will not provide for

them all, and our work must be still further enlarged. The judgment of those most interested seems to be that children do better when not congregated together ; yet the record made by our Society of the last twenty years makes some of us feel that we can do nothing better than establish a second Pine Farm.

The time has come when we must bring ourselves into public notice and thereby obtain the pecuniary aid needed to carry on the work. We know that there are plenty of men and women who would gladly help us if they knew of this charity.

We are indebted to the Brookline Dramatic Club for the entertainment which was given by them for our benefit, and which added over six hundred dollars to our funds.

The following resolution was adopted on the death of Mr. Charles T. Hubbard :

“By the death of Charles T. Hubbard the Children’s Aid Society has lost one of its earliest and best friends. Mr. Hubbard’s intelligence and energy have been freely at the service of this Society for nearly twenty years, and his liberality and kindness have been constant sources of good, almost from the foundation of the Society.”

THE FOXBOROUGH HOME.

An interesting and successful part of our work has been the Home at Foxborough, where boys have been boarded under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, who have proved themselves singularly fitted for training the boys whom we have in charge. Their large-hearted affection, sympathy and untiring patience, united with firmness and discipline, have already accomplished a vast deal in crushing out the evil and developing the good in the unfortunate boys who have been with them. In fact, they occupy the position of good father and mother to the boys, and fulfill the conditions of family life, in which we believe our work can best be carried on.

Mr. Morse is a farmer, and owns a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, three miles from Foxborough. The

boys work with him and his man, and also learn to help Mrs. Morse in her housework. Mrs. Morse likewise teaches the boys, and she seems to possess the rare quality of inspiring an interest and desire to learn, as well as the actual knowledge. The household consists of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, their little daughter, a man to work on the farm, and, of late, a woman to assist in the housework, mending, making clothes, etc.

We began in May, 1886, by sending *two* boys to Foxborough; since then, the number has been increased to *sixteen*. Twenty-four boys in all have been received at the Home.

We have furnished the boys with single iron bedsteads, bedding, school books, etc., but the farm house has not been altered, and it serves our purpose for temporary use.

The doctor of the town has given his services, and seats in the village church have been given the boys also.

The boys sent to the Home of late have been very young, but their naughty deeds at the age of seven show that they have not been removed too early from their evil surroundings; and it is touching to see the hard, sharp little faces gradually soften, and the suspicious expression replaced by one of confidence, as they find themselves in such a different atmosphere from any they have known before.

The Girls' Branch of the Society is carried on by two of the Board of Managers, with the assistance of two Associate Visitors. Three girls have been taken under their care during the year. One of these was on trial; after four months she was returned, as unpromising, to the Dorchester Industrial School from which she came. Of the girls who have been under their charge for a longer time, three are supported by the Society; three who are over sixteen are earning wages; a fourth has her home given her; one has been sent to the Reform School at Lancaster; one, whom the Society was obliged to put in the Penitent Females' Refuge, two and a half years ago, has just left that institution for a good place; and one is married.

REPORT OF GENERAL AGENT.

During the past year fifty-one boys have been admitted to Pine Farm, West Newton, and Rock-Lawn Farm, Foxboro. Their ages have ranged from nine to thirteen years, with a generous allowance for exceptions outside of these established limits. The younger boys have been sent to Rock-Lawn Farm, the elder to Pine Farm, and the advantage of this classification is already evident. As a rule they have been surrendered to the care of the Society until eighteen years old. When able to pay, parents have been charged for the board of the boys, the rate varying from fifty cents to two dollars per week. A large proportion have been received when on the point of being committed to the juvenile reformatory institutions on Deer Island; and in every instance waywardness in one form or another has constituted the reason for admission. Yet here a qualification should be made. The majority of the boys seem not especially bad, and some of them notably good, in natural disposition; but good influences have been wanting, bad influences abundant. Almost invariably, too, the few who, young as they are, give evidence of a vicious inheritance, have lived from very infancy under influences that have given every possible stimulus to their evil tendencies. Every day's experience confirms the statement made in the appeal last winter for more funds,—that “the bad habits and petty crimes” of this class of children “are usually traceable to the lack of salutary control resulting from the sickness or death of parents, the poverty that enforces residence in a degraded neighborhood, or the wilful neglect and evil example of parents who are drunken and vicious.”

Wayward children between thirteen and sixteen years of age have caused much perplexity,—the girls being too old

to be referred to the Girls' Committee, the boys too old for Pine or Rock-Lawn Farm. Too often the law has had to take its course. But friends have been found for some, work obtained for others, and various suggestions offered to distracted parents. One girl was placed in the Penitent Females' Refuge,—one who otherwise would doubtless soon have gone to utter ruin.

An attempt has been made, also, to help the children who are poor, but not vicious, in need, not of reformation, but of some kind of protection or assistance,—the friendless, destitute, and morally exposed children from whom the wayward class is recruited. Friendly personal relations have been established, and the various good turns done that an active interest would naturally suggest. Assistance has often been rendered in the search for work; and children have been induced to utilize the various existing agencies for their industrial, mental, and moral benefit,—the industrial schools, evening schools, reading rooms, etc.

Three of the "Home Libraries," the prospectus of which was given a year ago, have thus far been established,—one at the North End, another at the South End, and a third in South Boston. Each little bookcase, substantial, yet pleasing to the eye,—the only ornament, perhaps, that adorns the walls of the home,—contains fifteen books, and also copies of the best juvenile papers and magazines. It is placed in some family in which there is an intelligent, reliable boy or girl from twelve to fifteen years of age, who will serve as librarian. Ten or fifteen children from the immediate neighborhood, varying in age from eight or nine to fifteen or sixteen years, make up the library group. The books and papers go the rounds, and when read, are exchanged for another set. To provide for adequate supervision of present and future libraries, an attempt is being made to secure for each library a volunteer visitor, who shall come into close personal relations with each child, and seek to guide his or her reading. Conferences of the visitors will be held from time to time,

and no pains spared to make the reading of the greatest possible value to the children. Thus the best juvenile literature is being placed in the hands of children who have previously read nothing, or only trash; and what is more, this choice literature is being read with avidity. The selection of books is a difficult task. Friends will render material assistance by informing me of books that they themselves read, when children, with enjoyment and profit, or that find favor among their little friends. Donations, too, of juvenile books and papers will be gladly received. The libraries are paid for, not from the treasury of the Society, but by special contributions. A contribution of fifteen dollars establishes a library. To start new libraries, and pay running expenses, three hundred dollars will be needed during the coming year; and an appeal is now made for this amount. The libraries bid fair to become sources of great happiness, and centres of enlightenment, mental and moral stimulus, and elevating influences. May I not urge those who see promise in the enterprise to help it by sending information, books and papers, or money?

Gradually the office has become a kind of bureau of information in matters relating to needy children. The reference of cases to other societies, especially to the various Schools and Homes for destitute and orphan children, has required no little time and thought. The pains taken have been abundantly repaid in seeing cases for which nothing, or the wrong thing, was likely to be done, taken in hand by the very societies that were best equipped to afford the needed relief. It has always been borne in mind that the sundering of family ties,—the separation of a child from a father or mother, or the scattering of brothers and sisters,—is a serious matter, requiring for its justification grave reasons and evident advantage.

Whenever feasible, instead of sending children to “Homes,” steps have been taken to place them in families, chiefly in the country, where the price of board is less, and the life more

free from temptation, than in the city. Almost invariably the unfortunate father or mother, and often relatives outside of the immediate family, when informed of a suitable boarding-place at a low charge for board, have gladly made every effort to provide for the children in this natural, self-respectful way. When the meagre earnings of the natural guardian have proved inadequate, they have sometimes been supplemented by help from charitable individuals, and in one instance by aid from a church society. Seven boys, also, have been boarded in country homes by means of a few donations, one an annual subscription, for this especial purpose. In three of these cases part of the cost has been borne by widowed or deserted mothers. Four of the boys have already ceased to be an expense: one was transferred to a "free place" after boarding for ten weeks at a total expenditure of \$20 for board and \$4.25 for clothing; another was similarly transferred at the end of a little less than eight weeks, after an expense of \$15.72 for board and \$11.30 for clothing; the third, after boarding five weeks at a total cost of \$10, remained with the family free of charge; and in the fourth case the same result was brought about at the end of two weeks, after an outlay of \$4. None of the four, however, were under ten years of age. In addition to these, three boys and one girl have been sent directly to free places, and are doing well. In several instances the Provident Association has kindly furnished an outfit of clothing.

Efforts in this direction have been mentioned in the last three annual reports of the Directors as a prospective line of development of the work of the Society. Not only will money be needed, however, but also assistance in the office, if it is to receive more than the present incidental attention. The work ought surely to be done by some one. Again and again children in the direst need,—failing to be admitted to any of the Charitable Homes, because the latter were crowded, or the children disqualified by their age, religion, or nativity,—have been forced to remain under con-

ditions of destitution, neglect, and moral exposure; or have been obliged to go to City or State *Institutions*, where hundreds of unfortunate children are gathered together: simply because there has been no one to pay, either wholly or in part, a moderate price for their board in a country home until they should become self-supporting.

This preventive work touches, indeed overlaps, the reformatory. The majority of the children just referred to, and of the boys who have been sent to country homes, came to notice as applicants for admission to Pine or Rock-Lawn Farm, and although not yet wayward, bade fair to be in the near future, unless placed under better conditions. Moreover, just what cases are best met by one, just what by another, of the three methods of aiding the children,—by personal work among them in their own homes, by placing them in families in the country, or by giving them special reformatory training in such Homes as Pine and Rock-Lawn Farms,—can hardly be known, or the adoption of the best plan in each case ensured, until all three methods are adequately and simultaneously tested by one society, or if by more than one, by societies most intimately associated.

The field of work, mentioned a year ago, among the children who are put upon probation by the courts, remains unoccupied. Children are brought into court, placed upon probation, and sent back to the same bad influences that led to their arrest; and at present no efforts are made to help them stem the tide of evil influences that threaten their ruin.

Our graduates, who as a rule return to the city from their places in the country at the expiration of the time for which they were surrendered to the Society, need increasing attention. Although nothing should be done to lessen their self-reliance, yet our friendly relations with them may well be continued, that we may follow up the earlier effort, and know, as definitely as may be, the final results.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

June 1, 1887.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

PINE FARM HOME,
WEST NEWTON, June 1, 1887.

To the Officers and Directors of the Boston Children's Aid Society:

As you gather here for your annual meeting not one of those who greeted you in the past stand here to tell you of the doings of the year just closed. Of the faithfulness and devotion to the work of those who preceded us it would be vain for me to speak to you who know it so well.

Mrs. Moore and myself came to the work with some hesitancy, in following such long-continued and highly satisfactory service. We came, however, with a sincere purpose to carry out the object of the Children's Aid Society, as we understand it; namely, saving boys. We have no patent arrangement by which this can be done, but we believe in boys, and that with God's blessing upon patient, consistent and unremitting care for their interests many can be saved. If it were only a question of clothing and feeding them it would be comparatively an easy matter, but we look for and work for higher and better things for them. While we never tell them they may be President or Governor, or even members of the Legislature, we do assure them they may be God-fearing, self-respecting American citizens, and that may be a stepping-stone to the highest places. We try to have them aim high and to strive for the best things. To this end we believe everything in our personal appearance and conduct, as well as everything connected with the House, has its influence, greater or less, in forming their characters. We wish to make them dissatisfied with their former habits

of life and its surroundings. While it is our aim to get all we can from the farm, we consider the boys the principal object of our care, and to make them manly and self-respecting worth more than anything to be obtained by the neglect of their higher interests. In many respects you can make no rule for their government, for you never know what a boy is going to do, or how he will do the thing which he attempts; and the rule which applies to a quick, impulsive boy works injustice to one who is slow in his thought and action. This method requires time and thought, but we believe the result will justify such patient working and waiting. The class of boys whom it is your object to bring under the influence of this Home cannot, after years of subjection to intemperate, dissolute or improvident parents or guardians, be prepared in a few months to be content in a quiet, respectable family, and if they are so quickly sent to such places, you may expect them to be returned, worse for the trial, and the work that has been done wasted.

The portion of the year which we have been here has been with us one of getting acquainted with methods and capabilities of everything connected with Pine Farm Home, so that we enter upon this new year with an experience which will, we trust, greatly aid us in our work, while the past may be looked upon as preparing for the real work which may now begin. That this work is very exhausting and wearing is evident, not only from your observations, but also, if you will remember that we have the care of these boys twenty-four hours each day and seven days each week; and it is no wonder that those engaged in it break down under the continued strain.

We commenced our work the first of July last, in the midst of the season when the berries and vegetables were to be delivered, and soon found the real need of a third horse. In fact the two in use were not much better than one good one, except that they could be used in two

different places at the same time; and for about four months of the year three horses could be used to advantage. We managed, however, to get along until the Fall, when a new horse was bought, one of the old ones being traded off. The new horse proved to be all that was expected, and thus far is satisfactory.

During the summer months the boys were taken each Saturday to Allen's pond to bathe, Mr. Allen kindly reserving it for one hour entirely for our use. He had been at great expense in fitting up the pond with its conveniences, and while he was willing we should have the use of them without charge, he said that any sum which might be paid would help that much towards defraying the necessary expenses; and between four and five dollars being contributed by two of the directors, it was paid to him that he might not suffer actual loss. A pond was finished on the Farm through the generosity of Miss Dorothea S. Dix, and was used during the winter for skating and sliding, but until still further expenditure, it looks as if it would not be available for bathing.

The desks in the school room bore abundant evidence of long and not very careful usage, and were not and could not be well arranged. A number of desks were found stored away which were in better condition, and being brought out were stained and varnished by two or three of the boys, and were placed in the school room, giving it a much more symmetrical and neater appearance. More black-boards have also been placed upon the walls, giving more opportunity for the teaching by modern and improved methods. As a matter of economy it was deemed wise to have the house painted, and under the direction of the executive committee it was done, giving it a much improved appearance, though the school house and barn do not participate in the improvement.

When the snow came it was found that there was no double sleigh, and the only sleigh on the farm could not be considered either safe or creditable to any society desiring to sustain

a respectable position among the citizens of the village. A second-hand one was bought, which was so good and at so low a figure that even the most critical and economical would hardly dare to complain. The carryall needed so much repairing to be considered safe that it was thought best to purchase another, which was done.

The boys commenced the knitting of stockings in the winter evenings, and were very much interested in the work, and completed thirty-eight pairs. A carpenter was hired on Saturdays for about three months, and under his direction the boys made a storm porch and door, and built a hen-house.

We still have for sale some tilts and wheelbarrows made in former years. I found the file of Annual Reports quite imperfect, and by much enquiry and some exertion succeeded in getting the first twenty reports together and have had them bound in a substantial manner, and feel sure the society will in future years appreciate their convenience and the importance of their preservation for future reference.

The health of the boys has been good, the only serious threatening being the appearance of measles among them. Happily there were but few cases, and they were very light. No doubt the careful and constant attention of Dr. Nott and the watchfulness of the matron saved us from a spread of the disease; and we feel under great obligations to Dr. Nott, for no one could have been more prompt and attentive than he in answering all calls. The medical practice of the Home is rather of the eclectic order, Dr. Nott, an allopathic physician, being called in cases requiring the attention of an educated physician, while the pellets of aconite and belladonna are often administered according to the instructions of the book and the judgment of the matron, though more frequent use is made of the real Home Materia Medica, consisting of hamamelis, court plaster, tincture of rhubarb and fur balsam.

The 22d of February was celebrated by the boys by an entertainment given by them, the directors and friends being

invited. The boys took quite an interest in the affair, and by patriotic song, recitation and gymnastic exercise, interested those who attended, though on account of the storm not so many were present as we hoped to see. The boys have greatly enjoyed the weekly practice in music, the expense of which has been generously paid by Mrs. E. T. Eldredge.

Under the direction of Rev. Mr. Patrick a number of gentlemen and ladies connected with his church have come on Sunday afternoons, and by short address and song have interested and instructed the boys; and it has been a great relief to superintendent and matron to have a portion of this most exhausting of all days thus occupied.

While in comparison with other years the Farm has done well, we are in hopes this year may show a still further increase. Mr. Easterbrook, who succeeds Mr. Alcorn, brings to the work an experience of many years, and will, I believe, show his fitness by the pecuniary results as well as by the improved appearance of all things connected with the Farm, paying special attention to teaching the boys the details connected with farm work.

Mrs. Easterbrook, who has care of the cooking, seems to be well fitted for her duties and gives earnest and patient attention to the various details of her department.

Miss Underwood, the teacher, brings to her work here a real love for teaching, and succeeds in arousing the ambition of the boys and interesting them in their studies. It is her endeavor to keep well up in the modern and improved methods, and to adopt the best, whether new or old.

Miss Sanderson, the seamstress, is faithful and conscientious in the discharge of her duties, and takes a real interest in all that pertains to the boys.

We have not found a laundress yet who is just what we want. Of course we can easily get some one to come in there and do the work, but bearing in mind always the interests of the boys, we prefer to get along by hiring from

week to week to hiring any one in whom we could not have the utmost confidence.

We are under great obligations to Dr. Williams of Boston, for his attention to the eyes of the boys, he having made us several visits and examined the eyes of those who needed attention. Dr. C. E. A. Ross of West Newton, has also freely given his time and attention to the teeth of the boys.

In conclusion Mrs. Moore and myself desire to thank the directors for their uniform courtesy, and especially the chairman and members of the executive committee for their kind attention and consideration of our many and varied requests, with the assurance that it is our purpose and desire to do all we can for the success of this Home and to send from it those who will be useful in the community and a credit to the society under whose care they have been placed. We trust that Providence which has so kindly watched over this Home in the past will bless our labors here, and bring success to our efforts to make all that you do or have done fruitful for good to those who come under our care.

BENJ. F. MOORE,
Superintendent.

Your attention is called to Appendix A, containing the valuation of the crops raised; Appendix B, with the values of the various crops sold; Appendix C, a statement of the various entertainments enjoyed during the year; Appendix D, a statement of the donations received.

APPENDIX A.

CROPS RAISED.

[Being figured by the prices obtained for that which was sold.]

1306 boxes Strawberries .	\$200 00	21 tons Hay	\$420 00
140 boxes Raspberries .	30 00	3 tons Oat Fodder . .	54 00
70 boxes Blackberries .	10 50	2 tons Corn Fodder . .	36 00
20 bushels Peas	40 00	Asparagus	50 00
15 bushels Currants . .	48 00	20 barrels Apples . . .	40 00
7 bushels Green Beans .	10 00	5 barrels Pears	20 00
6 bushels Dry Beans .	9 00	325 barrels Pork	22 75
115 bushels Sweet Corn .	75 00	350 barrels Butter . . .	87 50
30 bushels Tomatoes . .	18 00	Rye sold standing . .	25 00
40 bushels Table Beets .	16 00	Stone	40 00
320 bushels Potatoes . .	240 00	Eggs	40 00
24 bushels Turnips . .	12 00		
100 heads Cabbages . .	6 00		
16 tons Sugar Beets . .	208 00		
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			\$1,757 75

APPENDIX B.

CROPS SOLD.

Strawberries	\$174 30	Cabbages	\$1 30
Raspberries	22 00	Sugar Beets	67 63
Blackberries	5 97	Hay	264 00
Peas	22 94	Asparagus	43 24
Currants	33 02	Rye sold standing	25 00
Beans	6 73	Stone	40 00
Sweet Corn	50 97	Eggs	14 21
Tomatoes	13 95		
Potatoes	45 93		
Turnips	10 85		
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			\$842 04

APPENDIX C.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

In August, the boys enjoyed a day upon the Charles River, the expense being defrayed by Mr. H. S. Grew.

In the same month, Mr. C. W. Hubbard invited all in the Home to spend the day at his delightful place in Weston, and it was enjoyed exceedingly by every one.

In October, Mrs. E. T. Eldredge invited the boys to visit her and gather chestnuts. They enjoyed very much the gathering of the chestnuts, as also the entertainment which she provided for them.

In November, the Agent of the Cyclorama of Gettysburg gave Mr. Birtwell tickets for all to visit it. Mr. Mague of West Newton furnished a barge, and the boys greatly enjoyed the ride to Boston as well as the picture of the great battle.

In December, at the first snow, Mr. S. F. Cate treated the boys to a sleigh ride, in his boat sleigh, to Boston, which was greatly enjoyed.

A Christmas tree was loaded with presents from funds contributed by Mrs. Hemenway and Mr. Lamb, and the evening passed pleasantly and all were much gratified with the gifts.

In February, Mrs. Wm. Clafin gave tickets to the fair of the G. A. R. held at Newton, and paid all expenses. The boys went over in the evening and had a very nice time.

On Decoration Day, Mr. Elijah Wetherbee invited the boys to lunch at his house, after visiting the cemetery. He served them bountifully.

A singing teacher has come each week through the year, Mrs. E. T. Eldredge generously bearing the expense.

APPENDIX D.

DONATIONS.

June.

H. A. Lamb, tooth brushes, tin cups and toys.

C. W. Birtwell, football.

July.

Mrs. Rollins, shoes and clothing.

G. W. Armstrong, salmon, fruit of various kinds, and ice cream, for Fourth of July.

H. A. Lamb, fire crackers and torpedoes.

North, Fiske & Co., straw hats.

August.

G. H. Frost, pears.

Henry Howland, barrel apples.

H. A. Lamb, tooth brushes.

September.

John Atkinson, pears and apples.

Mrs. Wm. Clafin, stockings and clothing.

Mrs. D. D. Slade, clothing.

October.

Mrs. Wm. Clafin, clothing.

H. A. Lamb, two mattresses, earth closet.

Mrs. A. C. Holbrook, clothing.

November.

Mrs. Geo. Lee, books and clothing.

Mrs. R. R. Bishop, clothing.

E. E. Hardy, clothing.

Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, twenty-three hens.

For Thanksgiving.

H. A. Lamb, ten dollars.

Miss A. L. Rotch, ten dollars.

R. W. Kendall, one turkey.

Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, half barrel cranberries.

J. F. Fuller, one turkey.

A. Graves, two turkeys.

Alonzo Whitney, oyster crackers.

Bible Class, Cong. Church, Auburn-dale, three dollars.

December.

C. W. Hubbard, to pay in part for use of pond, two dollars.

For Christmas.

Mrs. Hemenway, fifty dollars.

H. A. Lamb, for games, ten dollars.

G. H. Frost, pop corn.

F. M. Dutch, one turkey.

C. H. Washburn, hair brushes.

Seth Davis, Christmas tree.

Leverett Saltonstall, books.

January.

H. S. Grew, five dollars, and

Mr. Saltonstall, five dollars, to purchase robe for sleigh.

C. W. Hubbard, books.

April.

Hon. Robert Treat Paine, globe, dry and wet measures, scales and compass, and various things very useful in the school room.

C. W. Hubbard, liquid slating for old and new black-boards.

R. W. Kendall, cloth for pants.

May.

George Dix, tomato plants.

N. P. Gilman, strawberry plants.

Dr. H. M. Field, clothing.

VISITOR'S REPORT.

BOYS IN HOMES, JUNE 1, 1887.

IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Beechman, Wm. H., Amesbury.	Lord, Harry P., Barre.
Bowman, Wm. Carl, Amesbury.	Lyons, J. Henry, Ashburnham.
Dingee, Frank, No. Orange.	Rumford, Timothy, Amesbury.
Durham, Frank, Ashburnham.	Sears, Luther, Salisbury.
Grieve, Robert, Fitchburg.	Tagney, Maurace, Brimfield.
Howe, Franklin E., Hubbardston.	Thomas, James, Amesbury.
Hunter, John, Amesbury.	Truman, Henry, So. Sudbury.
Johnson, James, So. Sudbury.	Waterman, Lyman, So. Natick.
Jones, Waldron, Marlboro.	Wellington, Wm., West Newton.
Kelley, James, So. Sudbury.	Wetherbee, Charles, West Newton.
Kendall, James F., Ashburnham.	Wheeler, Edward, Weston.
Kiersted, Alfred L., Amherst.	

IN MAINE.

Berry, Bartholemew, Anson.	McPherson, John, Belfast.
Brackley, Burton, So. Waterboro.	Parsons, John, Industry.
Cameron, Angus, Waterboro Centre.	Stevens, Edwin, Smithfield.
Elliott, Wm., So. Waterboro.	Stevens, John, Oakland.

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Arkenson, Warren L., Stratham.	McGonagle, Bernard, Jaffrey.
Barnes, John, Henniker.	McKay, John, Jaffrey.
Barnes, Willie, Hollis.	McKenna, George, Exeter.
Berrane, P. James, Newington.	Middleton, Wm. H., Bradford.
Boyce, Wilson H., Jaffrey.	Needham, James F., Henniker.
Broderick, Joseph, Jaffrey.	Olsen, Kristen, London.
Conly, Charles, Henniker.	Plock, Dennis, London.
Charlton, Alfred, Henniker.	Quinlan, Cornelius, Durham.
Freeman, Grant, Jaffrey.	Smith, Burt E., Newington.
Garfoli, Joseph, Bradford.	Splain, William, Henniker.
Gerard, August, Hollis.	Thompson, Fred, London.
Knight, William, Henniker.	Thompson, Prescott P., Henniker.
Lowe, Archie, London.	York, Clarence R., London.
McDonald, Gerald J., Portsmouth.	

IN VERMONT.

Barrett, James, Brandon.

IN CONNECTICUT.

Cosman, William, Colebrook.

IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Carboni, Antonio, Bear River.

BOYS BOARDING.

Campbell, A., So. Sudbury, Mass.	McCormick, J., So. Sudbury, Mass.
Edwards, Sam'l, New Boston, N. H.	Oderkirk, Edw., New Boston, N. H.
Jackson, Wm., So. Sudbury, Mass.	Thorp, H., Pratt's Junction, Mass.
Lundeen, Henry, Lexington, Mass.	

PERSONS WILLING TO ASSIST IN SECURING BOARDING OR
OTHER PLACES FOR CHILDREN.

Allen, Mr. George E.	Barre, Mass.
Babbidge, Mr. Charles	Pepperell, Mass.
Barron, Rev. Mr.	Durham, N. H.
Clough, Mrs. A. C.	London, N. H.
Colby, Mr. Freeman	Henniker, N. H.
Cutting, Mrs. Sanford . . .	North Framingham (P. O., Nobscott), Mass.
Eastman, Rev. Mr.	Framingham, Mass.
Gerould, Rev. S. L.	Hollis, N. H.
Goodwin, Mrs. Augustus	Amesbury, Mass.
Jefts, Mrs. L. T.	Hudson, Mass.
Martain, Mr. H. K.	Bradford, N. H.
Newton, Rev. A. F.	Marlborough, Mass.
Pierce, Mr. Plummer	East Jaffrey, N. H.
Taylor, Mrs. Edward	Peterboro, N. H.
Wing, Mrs. L. J.	Lexington, Mass.

At the present time there are sixty-one boys under sixteen in homes in the country. Perhaps I should except one, who is working with a fish-man in West Newton.

Five out of the seven boys who have passed the time, during the year, for which they were given up, are still in the country.

Ten boys have been returned to care of friends. Three others ran away from their places. One of them is doing well in Boston, the other two have not been heard from.

Of the forty-three boys placed during the year, ten were returned to Pine Farm from other places, either having run away, or because they were unsatisfactory. One boy has been sent to the country without passing through the course of training that seems so necessary in many cases. He has had

to be moved once, on account of his behavior, and is now far from being as good as the one placed last year in the same way.

There have been sixteen boys boarding during the year. Of these, one has been returned to friends, six have gone to places. Two others are in permanent places, but their board is paid during school months. There remains seven for whom board is now being paid.

The number of boarding-places has not increased as fast as has been expected. The same difficulty is found in securing boarding-places as in the permanent places. People who would give the boys careful training do not wish to undertake a naughty boy, and the people who are willing to take them are often found inefficient. I find more cases where people are too easy rather than too severe.

Six homes have been found unsatisfactory and the boys removed and placed in more suitable ones, where they are doing well. One of these is a home indeed, for the people are so much attached to the boy they dread to have the time come when he will be sixteen, fearing he will not stay with them.

One little negro boy went to a place last April, and is proving a great favorite in the town. He is the first negro who has ever been sent to the country by the Society. There is a strong prejudice against the race still, and it is no easy matter to find places for them.

A boy in a place is ill and unable to work; the people with whom he is, like him, but do not feel able to keep him. This Society has indeed been favored, for this is the first case of sickness amongst the boys who have been placed out, which has been brought before its notice (to act upon) during the past eighteen years.

With two exceptions I have visited every boy, having made one hundred and nineteen visits, and have met with a great variety of receptions. Sometimes, with such a long

list of bad actions on the boys' part, it is quite overpowering. But fortunately in the majority of cases I hear more good than bad reports, and the boys seem happy.

When the boys have been doing badly they dread a visit, but otherwise they enjoy hugely being able to introduce me to all their newly made friends in the barn. They are taking an unusual interest in their vegetable gardens this year, as they see a way in which to earn the \$2.50 which a friend has offered to double when they are ready to put that amount in the bank. Two boys have already received the amount offered, and another hopes for it in July. I think every boy except one is trying to save his money.

Two boys who have been on the verge of being returned for bad behavior, have improved so much of late they will yet become some of our best boys, as they are above the average in intellect. The lady who has been laboring with one of them more than a year, writes: "James is doing fairly well now, and Mr. H. thinks he can get along with him. Although he has not given up his bad habits entirely, I can see that the outbreaks are less frequent. The untruthful habit dies hard. He will go two months and not tell a falsehood, and then break out and tell wrong stories about everything, even when he could gain nothing by it, and the truth would have served just as well. Perhaps precept and example and time will do something toward reform."

One young man who staid in the country until he was 19, came to Boston, hoping to educate himself as an architect. He found his eyes would not permit of such close application, and as he thoroughly disliked city life, he went back to Vermont, and has settled down to farm life again. Several others have asked to have places secured for them in the country, but have soon drifted back into the city again.

The number of boys remaining in the country will be small so long as the farmers feel, as they do now, that there is less profit and more hard work in the business than in any other.

I often think that the farmer's home is the last place a boy should be put, if he is to learn to like farming. For he is apt to look at life much in the same light as the farmer does.

One common complaint about the boys is, "that they tire of anything after they have worked one or two hours." I become more convinced every year that it is largely from the fact that they seldom work more than two hours at any one thing while at Pine Farm, and it is often but one hour; so that, instead of learning how to work they often form habits that they must unlearn before they are of any use to the farmer.

Much depends upon the behavior of the boy who first goes into a town. If he does well, other people want boys from the Society, but if ill, the reputation of all suffer.

In one town in New Hampshire, where the first boy was placed one year ago, there are now seven.

The Christmas presents were again supplied by the kindness of several ladies. Over sixty were sent.

A number of the boys who went into the country some time ago were delighted with a picture of the house at Pine Farm. The exclamations of "Oh! doesn't that look good," and "That seems like home," and "Why, you don't know how that makes me feel," denoted the reality of the pleasure. One little fellow was overlooked, and he was so sure his present would come he watched the mail very closely, and said, "These other boys have presents, and there must be one for me." Fortunately the oversight was discovered, and he has enjoyed his game none the less for having had to wait for it.

In connection with my work I have written 280 letters, and received some very interesting ones from and about the boys. Time will not permit of any quotations being made from them.

Through the kindness of Mr. Lord, president of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and Mr. Storer, general passenger

agent of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, I have been allowed passes or half rates.

Mr. Mills, of the Boston & Albany, gives me half rates; also, Mr. Adams, of the Fitchburgh, gave the same, up to April 1st, when my ticket was recalled because of the interstate commerce law. All the other gentlemen continue to give the reduced rates, as the law does not forbid lower rates for charitable purposes.

MARY J. WASHBURN.

June 1, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GIRLS' FUND.

Balance on hand, June, 1886	\$257 48
Income from Shaw Fund for Girls	176 40
Donations	135 00
Balance overdrawn	214 87
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Expended for board and care of girls	\$783 75
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BOYS' FUND.

Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$2,267 93
Annual subscriptions	2,420 00
Donations	4,502 38
Received of parents and guardians for boys' board	464 05
Farm produce sold	845 31
Additional legacy from R. C. Waterston	1,000 00
Legacy from L. J. Knowles	5,000 00
Collected on Julian O. Mason's mortgage	1,000 00
Collected on Cowles' mortgage	300 00
Collected W. B. Williams' mortgage, in full	5,000 00
Collected on Eastern R. R. bond, exchanged for Pref. Stock	389 26
Sold \$2,600 Burlington & Missouri R. R. in Nebraska, 6's	3,154 50
Sold \$2,000 Burlington & Missouri R. R. Land Grant, 7's	2,355 00
Sold \$4,000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., 1st mort. 7's	4,960 00
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	\$33,658 43
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Expenditures.

Girls' fund deficiency	\$214 87
Boys' board at Foxboro'	\$1,349 12
Boys' board at various places	966 32
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Mr. Birtwell's salary	\$1,066 65
" expenses	213 54
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Miss Washburn's salary	\$300 00
" expenses	324 21
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	624 21
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Carried forward	\$4,434 71

Brought forward \$4,434 71

BOYS' HOME.

Salaries	\$2,023 28	
Clothing	452 57	
Provisions	1,099 43	
Farming expenses	389 52	
Stable expenses	404 63	
Horse and wagons bought	340 00	
Fuel	235 01	
Miscellaneous	1,440 74	
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INVESTMENTS.

Bought \$5,000 Chicago, Burlington and Northern 6% bonds .	5,031 25
Bought \$5,000 Oregon Short Line 6% bonds	5,107 50
Bought \$4,000 Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham 5% bonds	3,805 28
Bought \$2,000 California Southern R. R. 6% bonds	2,240 00
Bought 10 shares Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.	1,382 50
Balance on hand, June, 1887	5,322 01
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	<u>\$33,658 43</u>

BOSTON, June 17, 1887.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, June 20, 1887.

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts, and found them correct, with the proper vouchers.

CHAS. E. BILLINGS, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Atkinson, George	\$16 00	Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	\$10 00
Barnard, Miss M. L.	5 00	Loring, Mrs. Wm. C.	25 00
Beal, Thos. P.	5 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	25 00
Beebe, J. A.	25 00	Lowell, Miss G.	25 00
Bemis, Seth	25 00	Lowell, Hon. John	10 00
Billings, C. E.	50 00	Lyman, Theo.	25 00
Bowditch, J. I.	30 00	Matchett, W. F.	10 00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50 00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10 00
Brewer, Cyrus	20 00	Merriam, Chas.	10 00
Brimmer, M.	25 00	Merriam, Mrs. Chas.	10 00
Brooks, Mrs. S.	25 00	Minot, Wm.	5 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20 00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25 00
Buck, Mrs. David	5 00	Murdock, Miss Maria	10 00
Bullard, M. S.	20 00	Paine, R. T.	50 00
Cabot, J. Elliot	15 00	Paue, The Misses	25 00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C. (2 years)	30 00	Pickman, Mrs. W. D.	20 00
Chase, Chas. G.	20 00	Pierce, Miss E. D.	5 00
Clarke, Mrs. E. C.	10 00	Quincy, G. H.	10 00
Clarke, Rev. J. F.	10 00	Reade, Miss Sarah E.	10 00
Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	10 00	Rotch, Miss A. L.	100 00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	10 00	Saltonstall, Henry	100 00
Ditson, Oliver	25 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25 00
Endicott, Miss Clara T.	10 00	Sears, Mrs. D.	5 00
Endicott, Wm., Jr.	100 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00
Fay, Miss S. B.	20 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	20 00
Fuller, J. Franklin	5 00	Shimmin, C. F.	10 00
Goddard, Geo. A.	25 00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	10 00
Green, C. G.	5 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	10 00
Greenleaf, R. C.	50 00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5 00
Grew, H. S.	50 00	Thayer, Mrs. N.	100 00
Hale, Geo. S.	25 00	Tolman, Jas. P.	25 00
Hammer, E. C.	25 00	Wales, Miss M. A.	200 00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100 00	Ware, Dr. C. E.	15 00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10 00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	15 00
Hooper, E. W.	50 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10 00
Hubbard, Mrs. C. T.	50 00	Wheelwright, Mrs. A. C.	5 00
Hubbard, C. E.	10 00	Whitney, Edw.	20 00
Hubbard, C. W.	50 00	Wigglesworth, Miss A.	50 00
Hunnewell, F. W.	25 00	Wigglesworth, Thos.	20 00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	25 00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C.	5 00
Jackson, Miss E.	10 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C.	5 00
Jackson, Edw.	50 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25 00	Wyman, M., Jr.	5 00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25 00
Lamb, H. A.	50 00	Young, Miss F.	5 00
Lawrence, Mrs. A. A.	50 00		
Lee, Geo. C.	25 00		
			\$2,420 00

DONATIONS.

FOR BOYS.

Austin, Edw.	\$50 00	A Lady, through A. P. J.	\$100 00
Burr, Isaac T.	100 00	Lamb, Thos.	100 00
Brewer, Cyrus	10 00	Lee, Henry	50 00
Brown, Samuel N.	4 00	Lowell, Hon. John	10 00
Bond, E. P.	10 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	25 00
B. C. A. S.	5 00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	25 00
Cash	5 00	Mass. Charit. Fire Society	100 00
Cabot, J. H.	20 00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	300 00
Cent. Con. Church, Bangor	3 00	Parkinson, Mrs. John	50 00
Chase, H. G. O.	5 00	Pickering, Mrs. H.	50 00
Coolidge, Archibald C.	10 00	Pulsifer, R. M.	20 00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr.	20 00	Quincy, Miss Abby P.	5 00
Eaton, Mrs. W. S.	20 00	Rotch, Arthur	25 00
Evans, Mrs. Glendower	25 00	Rotch, Mrs. B. S.	100 00
Everett, Dr. Wm.	10 00	Rotch, Miss Edith	100 00
Fits, W. S.	10 00	Rotch, A. Lawrence	50 00
Florence Kindergarten	2 25	Russell, Mrs. G. R.	50 00
A Friend	500 00	Saltonstall, Hon. L. (Christ-	
A Friend, through C. W. S.	100 00	mas)	5 00
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Friend	25 00	Schlesinger, B.	20 00
Friends	25 00	Scudder, C. W.	25 00
Frothingham, Miss	50 00	Tapley, A. P.	25 00
Fiske, Mrs. Andrew	5 00	Tappan, Miss Mary A.	50 00
"G."	25 00	Theatricals at Union Hall	
Glover, J. B.	50 00	(by Brookline Comedy	
Grover, W. O.	50 00	Club)	603 13
Hemenway, Mrs. A., Jr.	50 00	Thomas, Edw. I.	10 00
Hemenway, Mrs. (for		Trustees Lawrence Model	
Christmas)	50 00	Lodging Houses	500 00
Howes, Miss, Boys at Fox-		Warren, S. D.	100 00
borough	20 00	Whitney, H. M.	100 00
Hunnewell, H. H.	25 00	Whitwell, Mrs. Sophia	5 00
Jackson, Chas. L.	10 00	Wigglesworth, Miss A.	150 00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	30 00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. E.	25 00
James, Mrs. J. W.	25 00	Wigglesworth, Thos.	50 00
Kimball, Mrs. D. P.	100 00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	100 00
Kuhn, Mrs. H.	5 00		
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FOR GIRLS.

Hooper, E. W.	\$50 00	Paine, R. T.	\$25 00
Loring, Mrs. W. C.	25 00	Van Brunt, Mrs.	10 00
Paine, Misses	25 00		
			\$135 00

FOR BOYS BOARDED IN THE COUNTRY, BY GENERAL AGENT.

Miss M. A. Wales (annual), \$200.	E. L. Rogers, Lynn, \$20.
H. S. Grew, \$40.	

FOR HOME LIBRARIES IN BOSTON.

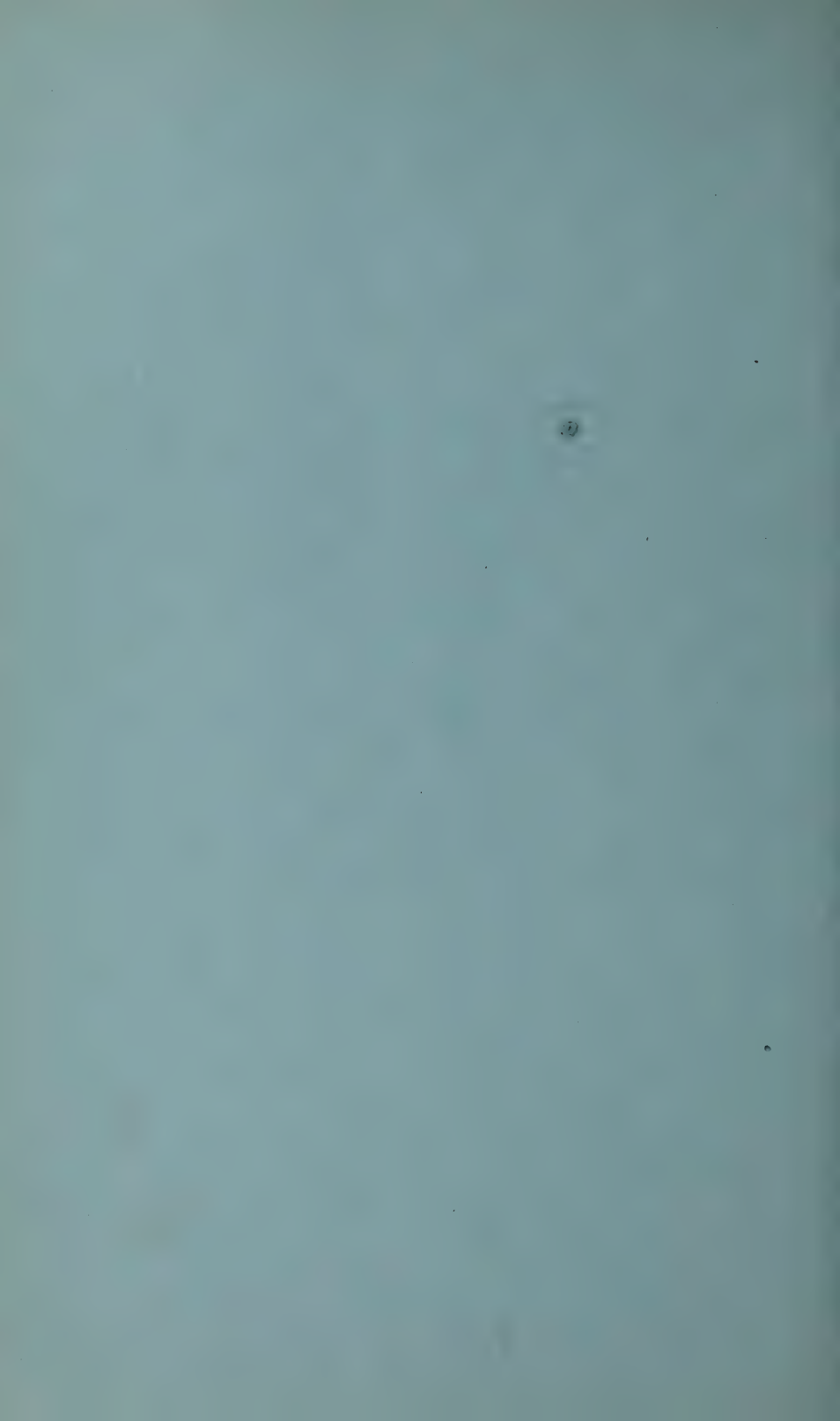
Mrs. James Lodge, \$10.	Mrs. W. R. Nichols, \$15.
A Friend, \$5.	Mrs. E. F. Childs, papers.
H. D. Chapin, \$5.	Ivan Panin, 6 books.
H. S. Grew, \$5.	Miss G. H. Dickerman, Harper's
Mrs. James Drummond, \$1.	Young People, 1881-1886.

FOR INCIDENTAL CHARITY IN BOSTON.

H. S. Grew (for clothing), \$10.	Mrs. W. C. Loring, (for Christmas), \$10.
Miss M. G. Frenyear, R. R. tickets.	C. W. Hubbard (for Christmas), \$10.
H. S. Grew, clothing.	"Little Women's Auxiliary," Brook-
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., envelopes.	line, \$20.
C. W. Hubbard (for Christmas), toys.	

FOR FOXBOROUGH BRANCH.

Miss A. L. Jackson, for Fourth of July, \$5.	Mrs. E. E. Wright, clothing.
Dr. Hitchcock's family, large bundle clothing.	Miss I. T. Horn, mittens.
Virgil S. Pond, two bags apples.	Mass. Bible Society, Bibles.
Mrs. Edwin Gray, basket of pears, box of balls, box of pencils, clothing.	Miss A. L. Rotch, clothing and motto.
Mrs. Sarah Forrest, scribbling paper, wristers.	Miss A. Q. Jackson, clothing.
Miss A. P. Jackson, one dozen slates and pencils.	Mrs. Wm. C. Loring, St. Nicholas.
Miss A. L. Rotch, school books.	Miss A. L. Rotch, blankets and sheets.
H. A. Lamb, blackboard, eraser, and box of crayons.	Miss Jackson, Miss Rotch, and Mr. Chapin, box of fruit and confectionery, for Thanksgiving.
A Friend, thirty-six cents.	Foxboro Committee, 10 lbs. confectionery, sleds, knives, and boxes of paints, for Christmas.
H. D. Chapin, box of books for library.	Friend in Foxboro, confectionery.
Mrs. Caroline Bowman, clothing.	H. A. Lamb, games.
	Friend in Boston, for New Year, \$20.



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SECTION 1. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable, to rescue them from moral ruin. * * * *

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the uses of said corporation.

OFFICERS FOR 1888-89.

President.

GEORGE S. HALE.

Vice-Presidents.

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ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

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Treasurer.

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H. A. LAMB.

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THEOPHILUS PARSONS. R. T. PAINE.

Committee on Admission and to confer with Agent.

H. A. LAMB.

C. W. SCUDDER.

H. S. GREW.

Committee on Subsequent Supervision and to confer with Visitor.

HORACE D. CHAPIN.

C. W. HUBBARD.

MRS. W. C. LORING.

Visiting Committee.

June.....MISS MURDOCK, MR. PARSONS.
JulyMRS. SLADE, MR. PAINE.
August...MR. AND MRS. PATRICK.
September MRS. ELDREDGE, MRS. FISKE.
October...MRS. LORING, MR. JACKSON.
November .MR. AND MRS. SCUDDER.

December..MR. PARSONS, MISS PAINE.
January...MR. HUBBARD.
February..MISS JACKSON, MISS ROTCH.
March.....MISS SHIMMIN, MR. LAMB.
April.....MRS. LORING, MR. CHAPIN.
May.....MISS PAINE, MR. GREW.

Committee on Foxborough.

HORACE D. CHAPIN.

MISS ROTCH.

MISS JACKSON.

Committee on Weston.

CHAS. W. HUBBARD,

MRS. COOLIDGE.

MISS MURDOCK.

MRS. FISKE.

Committee on Girls' Fund.

MRS. LORING.

MISS PARKER.

MISS PAINE.

Associate Visitors.

For Weston: MISS HELEN LORING.

For Girls: MRS. R. S. RUSSELL. MRS. GLENDOWER EVANS. MISS EUGENIE GARDINER.

General Agent.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL, 37 Charity Building, Chardon Street.

Assistant: MRS. ELIZABETH L. TUTTLE.

General Visitor.

MISS MARY J. WASHBURN, West Newton, Mass.

Superintendents.

Pine Farm, West Newton, BENJAMIN F. MOORE.
Rock Lawn Farm, Foxboro, CHARLES N. MORSE.
Weston Home, Weston, FRANK B. RIPLEY.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

37 Charity Building, Chardon Street.

Committee: MISS A. P. ROGERS, MISS E. G. PARKER.

Associated with Committee: MISS F. E. MORSE.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF METHODS.

1. **The Care of Wayward Children.** The Society takes charge of children who are *under criminal prosecution or in danger of arrest, and saves them from commitment to the Juvenile Reformatory Institutions on Deer Island.* Girls are placed in good private homes; board is paid by the Society, if necessary; and supervision is maintained by correspondence and visiting. Boys are received at "Pine Farm," West Newton, "Rock Lawn Farm," Foxboro, and the "Weston Home," Weston, where the life resembles as far as possible that of a family, and the boys are taught farming, the use of wood-working tools, etc., besides common-school branches. When fitted, the boys are placed in good families, chiefly on farms, where the work of moral improvement continues under the supervision of the Society, and amid the healthful influences of home life; and a friendly interest is continued after their final return to the city.

2. **A Bureau of Information.** The case of any needy child may be reported at the office for investigation, advice, appropriate reference to other agencies, or special help.

3. **Boarding and Free Homes in Private Families** for exposed, destitute or homeless children. When board is paid, relatives contribute according to ability.

4. **Personal Work among Children.** "*Home Libraries*" are established. Besides the oversight of the *Graduates of the Society's Homes* upon their return to the city, arrangements are being made to employ a *Visitor for the Juvenile Probationers*,—the children who are arrested and placed upon probation by the courts.

FROM A SERMON BY REV. JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE, D. D.,

JANUARY 8, 1888.

Mr. Clarke's text was taken from Ephesians, 5: 16,—"*Redeeming the time.*" His general subject was "*How to get the Most out of the Coming Year;*" and, in the course of his sermon, he said:—

We can get good out of the coming year by helping those who are engaged in really good work. In Boston, we have so many charities, so much is being done for the suffering, that we are puzzled to know which to choose as a sphere of work. Let me call your attention to one which needs and deserves special help. It is the Children's Aid Society. Years ago, it was found that little boys, guilty of petty offenses, were sent to jail or to Deer Island, where they were usually made worse, and not better. It was therefore thought well to establish a home in the country, to which the courts might send them, and where they could have outdoor work, fresh air, study, and play in just proportions. Then it was found that these boys—who, while in the streets of the city, were growing up to be criminals—became good and happy in their new environment. They were transferred after a time to families in the country, where they could grow up into useful men. This Society has found so many children needing this help that it has established two or three new additional homes, and now has seventy boys. But, to do its work, it needs more funds; and I do not know an object to which you can give during the year with more certainty of doing permanent and real good.

I try to be very careful about what I recommend, and not to give my name to anything of which I have not a personal knowledge. This Society I have known from its beginning. I know how it began and what it has done; and I speak thus today on its behalf without having been asked to do so, simply because I believe in its work and know its needs. The treasurer of the Society is Edward Jackson, 178 Devonshire Street.



FOXBOROUGH HOME
AND FAMILY



WESTON FAMILY



PINE FARM DORMITORY



WESTON HOME



PINE FARM SCHOOL



PINE FARM

REPORT.

To those who have followed the work performed by the Children's Aid Society during the past year, it must be interesting to know our experiences.

We are at work upon a great problem,—that of reforming those of the growing generation, who, through no fault of their own, have a bad inheritance and begin life amid low, vicious influences, which must in time lead to punishment, to disgrace, and perhaps to destruction.

We attempt always to look upon each boy and girl with hope, to study their personal needs, and to place them so far as possible, under such influences as will prove most beneficial. Many of these children, who would have gone to ruin, may be made into good men and women, and worthy citizens. We have proved it in many ways, as the record of our oldest home, Pine Farm, can abundantly show.

Each year, as we work at our problem, we realize more and more, not only its vast proportions, but also the fact, that our methods are the right methods, that they are capable of growth, and that with enough of hope, and enough of wisdom, we may at last really find the way to touch the good in the hearts of these poor children intrusted to our care. To learn just why they seem to like wickedness better than goodness is to have discovered the way by which we may best help them. So this year we have enlarged greatly our work. We have begun to grade. We put our most trying boys into Pine Farm, and when, through Mr. Birtwell's exertions, the number was increased

beyond the limits allowed us, we started the Foxborough Home, and placed the more hopeful ones there. Now, this year, Foxborough has overflowed, and we have started another Home in Weston, where we have fifteen boys, forming, we trust, a still better class. We do not mean to stop here. Many applications are received, daily, for children who are on the verge of wickedness, and only need to be surrounded by good influences to save them from being sent to us later through the courts. For these we find homes and boarding places in country families, and keep constant watch over them and their surroundings.

We need the help, advice and friendly criticism of the community, but above all, we must have their heartfelt interest, to make our work a success, for our problem is their problem, our success, their benefit. These children will be the men and women who largely help to influence, for good or ill, the next generation, and reclaimed, may make good citizens in the years to come.

We have all that could be desired in our agent, Mr. Birtwell, and his activity and zeal have stimulated our efforts.

Miss Mary Washburn is still our faithful visitor and gives invaluable aid by her careful selection and supervision of the New England homes to which, after the necessary training, our boys are transferred, and which forms an important part of our work. Her correspondence with and interest in the lads until they go out into the world, is also encouraging and helpful to them.

The parental influence of Mr. and Mrs. Moore is felt and appreciated by all the directors who work with them at Pine Farm.

We have three Homes, and also a central office at Chardon street where all information in regard to children's needs can be obtained. With such advantages, and your generous assistance, our work cannot fail to bring forth the desired results.

THE FOXBOROUGH HOME.

Our Home at Foxborough has completed its second year, and in every respect it proves entirely satisfactory — indeed, it would be difficult to find a more ideal home, for the poor little waifs, who have never known the meaning of the word “home” in its best sense, here receive the love and patient devotion, combined with firmness and discipline, which work wonders in overcoming the evil habits of these most unfortunate children.

We cannot express sufficiently our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Morse for their efficient help and untiring devotion to our work. Our admiration and respect for them constantly increase. During the past few months they have been aided by Mr. and Mrs. Bell, as assistant farmer and school teacher. Mr. Bell has been especially successful in interesting the boys in the farm work, and the larger boys show the excellent effect of his discipline. Mr. Morse has, at his own expense, moved one of the adjacent buildings so that it connects with the house and is converted into a schoolroom with a dormitory above it. The boys have done a great part of the work of refitting this building. The desks were sent from Pine Farm, where they were no longer needed.

Sixteen boys have been received at this Home during the past year, and twenty-one have been placed in good homes. Five boys have been returned to us—three of these have been sent out again, and the others will soon find suitable homes.

Mr. Morse has written forty-five letters to the boys who have left Foxborough, and with such constant communication he retains his good influence over them. All are doing well.

There has been no illness at the Home this year, and medical attendance has been unnecessary, although one of the physicians of Foxborough has kindly offered his services gratis.

Free seats are given in the Congregational Church, and the railroad officials kindly contribute free passes for the boys when accompanied by Mr. Morse.

THE WESTON HOME.

On March 12, on account of the constantly increasing supply of boys, a new Home was started at Weston, Mass., at a farm belonging to Mr. F. B. Ripley. Mrs. Ripley superintends and cares for the fifteen boys who are now there; her son of eighteen teaches the school, and Mr. Ripley has left his place in a Waltham factory to overlook the farm work and help Mrs. Ripley with the boys. As the house is not very large, they are now obliged to have the school in the dining-room—an arrangement which will continue until the autumn, when, if we decide to continue the Home, a proper school-room must be added. Mrs. Ripley seems to have an excellent influence with the boys. She allows them a great deal of liberty which they are not inclined to abuse. They work hard both indoors and out, and seem very contented and happy, while some of them have improved very much during the short time that they have been at Weston.

A change will be required in the school, as a boy of eighteen is hardly competent to teach fifteen boys in a satisfactory way. Mrs. Ripley has as yet no house servant, but means to have one, after which an arrangement can probably be made by which she can devote her own time to the school.

THE GIRLS' BRANCH.

Though the Girls' Branch fills but a small part in the work of our society, the results obtained prove its importance. It differs from the work among the boys in that the committee, with the help of their associate visitors, find the homes and visit the children. Heretofore it has been found necessary to refuse to take colored girls, and girls over thirteen, as they require more time than can be given by a committee of ladies; now an arrangement has been made for one or two older girls, and if it succeeds, the work will grow.

Friendly intercourse is kept up with the girls after they have passed beyond the control of the society, and the friendship is in almost every case fully appreciated. Six years ago a little girl was bought to us; she remained under our care for fifteen months, when we were obliged to send her back to her wretched home, much against our will. For a long time all trace of her was lost. Last winter she wrote that she was happily married to a young farmer in New Hampshire; that she had been making a visit to the family in which she lived when under our care, and that it seemed like "going home." In another letter she begs that "it will not be taken as an insult" if she sends some of her own peas as a present for the Fourth of July.

A girl who had been under our care for several years, was sent by us to the Reform School. Her record there was good. She is now well married, and has expressed her gratitude to us for putting her under the discipline of the Lancaster School.

There are eight older girls in whom the committee keep an interest; eight others fall more closely under their care. Two of the latter have been kindly taken for a year into the Dorchester Industrial School, as the discipline of a school was necessary for them. Board is being paid for six, in as many families in the country.

The death of the Rev. Dr. James Freeman Clarke, one of the founders of this Society, and for many years its Senior Vice President, has caused a feeling of deep sorrow among the Directors, many of whom have had the privilege of his wise counsel and friendly encouragement; and they take this opportunity to express their feelings of sincere regret for his loss, and respect for his memory. They remember with pride that only in January last, as in the sermon elsewhere quoted, after saying to his congregation that he did not know an object to which they could give with more certainty of doing permanent and real good, he added, "This Society I have known from its beginning. I know how it began, and what it has done, and I speak thus today on its behalf without having been asked to do so, simply because I believe in its work and know its needs."

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

The Society is now equipped with three rural training homes for the rescue of wayward boys from vicious careers: Pine Farm at West Newton, with its record of twenty-four years of usefulness; Rock Lawn Farm at Foxboro, its spurs won by two years of devoted effort; and the Home at Weston, just entering upon its humane mission. During the two months preceding the opening of the new Home, Pine and Rock Lawn Farms, being overcrowded, could receive no more boys. It was a crisis,—to be appreciated only by those who know what help can be given an exposed or wayward child when in an unequal contest with evil he is being overborne, and what disaster follows the denial of help at the critical moment. At this juncture the new Home afforded the needed relief. The future will determine whether the Society has yet reached the limit of desirable effort in this direction; further necessities may arise as closer relations are established with the courts and officers of the law, and with those dark places of our city where childhood is most exposed to moral ruin.

During the year sixty-one boys have been admitted to the three Homes. The youngest have been sent to Rock Lawn Farm, the next in age to the Home at Weston, and the eldest to Pine Farm. Nominally only boys between nine and thirteen years of age are received, but to this rule numerous exceptions have been made. Indeed, the possession of three Homes should now warrant even more elasticity in this respect with a view to learning by actual experiment the maximum range of ages to which our methods of reformation may be applied with success. It seems clear that with three Homes and a proper classification the Society may safely take in charge boys from seven to fourteen years of age.

As in previous years, the majority of the boys, when received, were under arrest, or threatened with arrest, for truancy, stubbornness, theft or other misdemeanor, and

were, therefore, on the verge of commitment to Deer Island. Without exception waywardness, and not mere moral exposure, has constituted the ground of admission.

The moral emergencies in which it is the privilege of the Society, and through it of the public, to minister to unfortunate childhood, may be illustrated by the history of two brothers, twelve and fourteen years of age, who came to us last March. The family consisted of the two boys, a brother of seventeen, a good mother, and a weak-willed, intemperate father. The eldest brother worked; the younger boys attended school. The drinking habits of the father kept the family poor. The two younger boys, bright and enterprising little fellows, fell in with bad companions, and occasionally truanted from school. The mother, however, by taking them herself to school after each offence, and by doing all she could to offset the demoralizing example of the father and the bad influence of street companions, succeeded in keeping her boys within bounds. She was herself industrious and frugal, and kept her home scrupulously neat. But under the weight of her heavy burdens her health failed, and she died early in the spring. The balance-wheel of the family was gone. Friends advised the father to break up house-keeping, and find homes for his children. But he refused, and he and the boys kept house for themselves. Sorry work they made of it! Disorder and confusion soon reigned. The father drank harder than ever. The boys began a period of protracted truancy; quarreled with the father and with each other; the eldest in a fit of temper struck the father; and again, one of the boys drew a knife upon his brother. At this crisis the family was brought to our attention. The eldest boy found a boarding-place in the city, and the younger brothers were surrendered to the Society until eighteen years of age, and sent to the Home at Weston. Their present conduct gives promise of an early promotion to families in the country, where, still watched over by the Society, they will be subject to the kindly influences of home life.

When the waywardness is directly traceable to the inheritance of an evil disposition of pronounced type, reformation is up-hill work, and success correspondingly doubtful; but in undoing the mischief wrought by family misfortune and vicious environment the success of the Society needs scarcely a qualification.

The suggestion made a year ago that an active interest should be maintained in our graduates after their return to the city, that they might not be without friends, and that we might learn with all possible definiteness the final results of our work, has crystalized into a plan still more or less experimental, yet unmistakably promising. Several evenings last autumn a dozen of the younger graduates were met by one of the Directors and the General Agent at the home of the latter; later a room was engaged where every Wednesday evening the boys came together for reading, games, and friendly chat. Once during the winter the boys had a supper at the club room, to which their sisters were invited. For the summer occasional outings on holidays and Saturday afternoons are contemplated,—excursions into the country, sails down the harbor, and base ball games.

But to provide pleasure for the boys was the least of the motives that inspired this effort. The real intent was that the meetings of the "Tri-mountain Club," for such it was decided to call ourselves, should afford opportunities for studying the careers of the boys, noting their progress, learning the plans of such as had plans, and stimulating those who had none to form them, and in general arousing the boys to a livelier sense of their duties and opportunities. Above all it was intended to kindle in them an ambition to learn trades, and to help them out of the errand-boy, odd-job, ever-and-anon-idle kind of life that industrial conditions almost force upon them, into those trades for which our knowledge of them and their own declared tastes might indicate their adaptability.

Only recent graduates have been enrolled, and the Club now numbers twenty-two. Fourteen are doing well, and four fairly well. Of the remaining four whose behavior has not been satisfactory, one has been returned to Pine Farm; another, finally declared morally irresponsible by leading specialists, has been committed to the Danvers Lunatic Asylum; and a third has gone West to live with a relative on a farm. One of the boys is idle, two are attending school, the remainder are at work. Three of the larger boys are learning trades. The expenses incident to this work, including the partial services of a young lady during the past three months, have been met by members of the Board of Directors without drawing upon the treasury of the Society.

Seven "Home Libraries" have been added to the three that were in use a year ago. A library contains fifteen carefully selected books and also copies of juvenile magazines. The little librarians, the walls of whose homes the book-cases adorn, invariably take the honor and responsibility of their position seriously, and the ten or fifteen children to whom in each neighborhood the books are loaned prize their privilege. During the year a volunteer visitor has been secured for each library, who is to establish intimate personal relations with the children, and guide their reading. Conferences of the visitors have been begun in order that by mutual counsel and discussion the "Home Libraries" may be made more effective. Thus the juvenile literature that combines in the highest degree interest, merit of style, and healthfulness of tone, is reaching quarters of our city where hitherto it has been unknown. Its facts and fictions, its merry incidents, its wholesome thought, its portrayal of character, its pictures of pure and happy home life, its wit and humor, and its air-castles, contrast strikingly with the brutal sights and sounds, the filth, drunkenness, brawling and obscenity, in the midst of which the majority of the little readers pass their lives.

Work in behalf of the children who are placed upon probation by the courts is on the point of being undertaken.

They return from the courts to the identical surroundings that led them into wrong; nor is anything done to enable them to contend successfully with the evil influences that thus again assail them. A generous gift from Miss M. A. Wales guarantees the salary of an assistant-agent for the coming year, in order that the Society may enter this field. A young man has been engaged, and is familiarizing himself with our present work with a view to the prosecution of this new endeavor at an early date. What may be done for these children,—what timely assistance rendered, what moral protection afforded, what improvement of character effected,—is yet to be seen. Nor is it yet clear how far it will be found feasible to enlist volunteers for the work of friendly visiting and oversight.

The demand for advice and help in regard to children who are not wayward, but are friendless, destitute or exposed, has steadily increased. It has been our aim to avoid disturbing natural relations and conditions, and to utilize the agencies already at work for the relief and uplifting of unfortunate childhood. In a number of instances children have been sent to selected families in the country. Suitable boarding homes, for example, have been placed at the disposal of parents, relatives, benevolent people and charitable societies. Four boys, also, have been placed in families free of charge, and one at wages. Four others have been sent to board, the payments of the father or mother being supplemented from special funds; and in two of these instances the father has already begun to bear the entire expense. The three boys who were being boarded a year ago partly by their parents and partly from special funds, continue with the same families. Of the seven boys at "free places" a year ago, two have returned to their own homes much benefitted, four are still at free homes doing well, and one is receiving wages. The girl who was then at a free place is now at home, but may return to the same family. Therefore, at the

present time, five children are being boarded partly from the special donations referred to, though chiefly at the expense of their relatives; eight are in free homes, and two are receiving wages,—one of them helping to pay the board of a younger brother.

The evident need of such efforts, and the recognition of the intimate relation between preventive and reformatory work, have finally led to the adoption of a plan by which the office of the Society shall become a Bureau of Information, where the plight of any friendless or destitute child may be considered, and an attempt made to secure through the various societies or from private sources the most desirable action and relief. The aim will be in each instance to suit the action to the real need,—heeding the teachings of experience, still to study the conditions with a freedom from assumptions, and a directness and freshness of view, as complete as though the case in hand stood absolutely alone. To this step the Society has also been urged by a communication from the Standing Committee on Children appointed two years ago at a General Conference of Boston Charities. As an integral part of this plan an effort will be made to find homes in the country to which, as occasion may require, homeless or exposed children may be sent either free of charge, or, if to board, as far as possible at the expense of relatives. It is hoped, too, that we may be of service to other societies by placing such homes at their disposal. An appeal will be made to people in the country to help us, and auxiliary visitors and committees formed in the towns and villages to assist our own and kindred societies in the work of securing homes and watching over the interests of children placed in them.

Until six months ago the General Agent was without an assistant. At that time one was appointed, and for the prosecution of this new work another will be required.

All of these lines of effort derive their origin from the initial and single aim of the Society,—the rescue of children

from moral ruin ; and they proceed with a full recognition of those natural tendencies and forces, both individual and social,—the power of personal friendship, the influence of education and steady training, of healthful employment, and of home life,—by working in harmony with which success in philanthropic endeavor is alone ensured. The growth of our work, though largely new, seems solid ; and the Society is steadily advancing to the full measure of its task.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

June 1, 1888.

REPORT OF THE VISITOR.

During the past year twenty-nine boys have been placed for the first time in homes in the country. Two of them have been returned to the care of the Society, one as a boarder, and one has returned to one of the homes. Eleven boys who had been returned to the homes have again been placed, and with two exceptions are doing well. Thirteen have been changed from one place to another (three having been twice changed) for being unsatisfactory or becoming dissatisfied; one was changed because of unexpected family changes. Fourteen who are under 16 have been allowed to go to their friends, which is causing others to feel that they ought to have the same privilege, and few farmers will consent to take a boy with the possibility of his being taken away before the time agreed upon expires.

Twelve boys have graduated from the care of the Society. All but four have returned to the city, but those four see that they can really earn more and get more enjoyment in the country than in the city. Sixteen left their places without permission; eight of them were again placed in the country and are doing well,—making at present sixty-eight boys in free places, two of whom are receiving wages.

Board is being paid for eleven boys, and one other only during the school weeks.

The offer of doubling the first \$2.50 placed in the bank by each boy is still open. Twenty-five have taken advantage of it, and others are working hard to save their pennies in order to secure it. Several are adding a little each year to that already in the bank.

Through the kindness of several friends the boys were again remembered with Christmas presents, which were thankfully acknowledged by nearly every one.

Old magazines are very acceptable, and when it is possible they have been distributed among the boys who care to read. Some care more for their steers and horses than books, but a good many crave more reading matter than can be secured in some of the country towns, and they are less likely to become discontented if well supplied with good books.

Over one hundred and thirty visits have been made, and generally the boys are found to be happy and also growing more reliable and industrious, but in some the inherited tendencies are so strong no lasting gain appears to be made. But it is still hoped that the good seed sown may yet bear fruit, even though the result is never known by those now most interested.

Through the kindness of Mr. Lord, president of the Boston & Maine Railroad, Mr. Storer, general passenger agent of the Boston & Lowell, and Mr. Mills, of the Boston & Albany, half rates have been given over their roads.

M. J. WASHBURN.

June 1, 1888.

BOYS IN HOMES, JUNE 1, 1888.

BOYS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Bowman, Wm. Carl, Foxboro.
 Boyce, Wilson H., Barre.
 Campbell, Arthur, West Townsend.
 Charlton, Alfred, Hingham.
 Clark, Byron B., Ashburnham.
 Dingee, Frank, North Orange.
 Donovan, Timothy, Barre.
 Drew, Herbert, Sherborn.
 Grieve, Robert A., Fitchburg.
 Howe, Franklin E., Hubbardston.
 Kelley, James, Belchertown.
 Lyons, J. Henry, Ashburnham.
 McGrath, Michael, Mansfield.

McLoid, James, Dover.
 Parsons, John H., Barre.
 Phillips, John, South Sudbury.
 Rumford, Timothy, Amesbury.
 Ruby, Thomas, Foxboro.
 Schurlty, Richard, Mansfield.
 Sears, Luther, Salisbury.
 Tagney, Maurace, Brimfield.
 Thomas, James, Amesbury.
 Thorp, Herbert, Marlboro.
 Ward, Wm. A., South Natick.
 Wetherbee, Charles, West Newton.

IN MAINE.

Berry, Bartholemew, Anson.
 Brackley, Burton, So. Waterboro.
 McPherson, John, Belfast.

Stevens, Edwin, Smithfield.
 Wheeler, Edward, North Fayett.

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Alexander, Arthur, Loudon.
 Arkerson, Warren L., So. Newbury.
 Barnes, John, Henniker.
 Barnes, William, Henniker.
 Berrane, P. James, Newington.
 Clark, E. Edward, Wilton.
 Conley, Charles, Henniker.
 Carossi, Joseph N., Loudon.
 Edwards, Samuel, Jaffrey.
 Freeman, Grant, Jaffrey.
 Francis, Frank J., Hillsboro.
 Garfoli, Joseph, Bradford.
 Gerard, August, Hollis.
 Jones, Waldron, Canterbury.
 Knight, William, Henniker.
 Louder, Adelbert A., Bradford.
 Lowe, Archie, Loudon.
 McCormick, John, Loudon.
 McGanagle, Bernard, Jaffrey.

McKenna, George, Exeter.
 Middleton, William, East Concord.
 McNalley, Frank, Henniker.
 Monroe, Frederick C., Strafford
 Corners.
 Myers, Albert, Webster.
 Needham, James, Henniker.
 Oderkirk, Edward, Milford.
 Olsen, Kristen, Loudon.
 Owen, Walter, Pittsfield.
 Plock, Dennis, Pittsfield.
 Quinlan, Cornelius, Durham.
 Regan, Francis, Greenfield.
 Splain, William, South Weare.
 Stevens, John, Sharon.
 Thompson, Prescott P., Henniker.
 Wilkins, Daniel, Mast Yard.
 York, Clarence R., Loudon.

IN CONNECTICUT.

Lord, Harry P., Strafford.

IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Carboni, Antonio, Bear River.

BOYS BOARDING.

Chipman, W. Harry, Harvard.
 Crowley, J. Joseph, So. Sudbury.
 Fortune, Gray O., Townsend Har-
 bor.
 Gibson, Chas. R., Leominster.
 Hartford, Alonzo A., Townsend.
 Jackson, William, So. Sudbury.

Percival, James E., Hollis.
 Rosch, August W., No. Lyndeboro.
 Schelley, John T., Harvard.
 Starks, George C., Hollis.
 Wilcomb, W. Everett, No. Lynde-
 boro.
 Wright, Louis A., Leominster.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Directors of Boston Children's Aid Society:

As Superintendent and Matron, Mrs. Moore and myself come now to the close of our first full year or administration over the trust which you have committed to our care, and to make our report of its successes, as well also of its failures, —for in this work they go along together.

In common with our neighbors and owing to reasons beyond mortal control, the results of the work done on the farm have not been so great as we had hoped. The potato crop, as most everywhere else about here, was almost a failure, so that we had to buy for our own use. About the time of the ripening of the strawberries there were several days of cold rain that effectually checked the ripening process and almost destroyed the entire crop. It may be said also, that owing to better facilities for delivering berries they are brought into market in better condition, and prices are much lower than heretofore. After much enquiry and observation it seems to me that our attention can more profitably be turned to raising such crops as can be held for a time and not have to be forced off when the market is overstocked.

It is but justice also to say that in my judgment the practice of estimating at the close of the year the amount raised is not the best or surest way to know the actual result of our labors, and I have commenced a book in which every day the actual gathering during the day of each crop is to be recorded, that at the end of the season we may more surely know the amount obtained. Our present method of selling to the consumer, to be done properly and satisfactorily to the customer, involves the expense of a third horse as previous annual reports have mentioned, but I believe it much more economical to change the way of selling the products of the

farm. There is danger also, of over-estimating the amount of work which can be obtained from the boys as they are situated here. They need all the schooling they can get, as well also as some play-time, and while we would feel it unjust to deprive them of school privileges, they as readily see injustice in depriving them of play-time, and our arrangements should be made so far as possible to work no injustice anywhere, either fancied or real. The longest days in summer we have but three and a half hours of work-time, and as much work must be done in the laundry, kitchen, dormitories and other parts of the house, it leaves but a small force to work upon the farm. And if it be true that one boy at work is only half a boy, and two no boy at all, the wonder is that we accomplish so much as we do. Boys have been sent away so fast of late years that when the farming season opens all the boys are entirely ignorant as to what is required, none having been instructed in farm work. Neither has any boy who comes here been taught habits of application to any one thing, and there is generally a vagrancy in their habits which it takes time and patience to overcome.

With us you find the same teacher (Miss Underwood) as when our last report was given, and in the visits made during the year you have no doubt seen the evidence of her ability and faithful attention to the duties of her position. Better work could be done if there was room for the classes to be sometimes by themselves for study, and it seems desirable that there be a new school-house, or the second story of the present building be extended.

Last fall Mr. Estabrook, the farmer, had an offer of another situation which we thought for his interest to accept, and which necessitated a change of farmer and cook. Miss Sanderson, the seamstress, resigned this spring, thus taking from us one who had a vital interest in the work here and was in full sympathy with all that was being done. We have been fortunate in securing Mr. John Bohaker and wife, who, with

full knowledge of the duties of farmer and seamstress, endeavor to discharge those duties faithfully and also to aid in the varied requirements in caring for the boys. Mrs. Crosscup has been very satisfactory as cook, and we regret the necessity of a change, forced upon us by her resignation on account of the work being too hard. We have recently secured a laundress, who, having had experience in a similar position, we trust will prove to be all that we want in that place.

One boy not well when brought here was soon after taken quite ill with inflammatory rheumatism and an abscess, resulting from his manner of living and want of proper care. He required such constant attention that a nurse was engaged for two weeks, but finally arrangements were made by which he was sent to the Cottage Hospital and afterwards returned to his mother's care. With this exception the health of the boys has been good throughout the year and no serious illness has occurred. Even during the winter months there was a remarkable freedom from colds and diseases incident to the season. Dr. Albert Nott, of West Newton, has been always ready to answer any calls at any time, and his prompt attention to symptoms of disease has no doubt averted much suffering, if not serious sickness. Our thanks are also due to Dr. C. E. A. Ross for his attention to the teeth of the boys.

As usual during the winter evenings, knitting was taught, and the boys were delighted to see the stockings growing under their hands. A departure was made in teaching carpentry work, and though we have no articles made as a result, we may be assured that they have learned more about tools and the handling of them than under the other system. Instead of hiring a carpenter who could and did do the work, but could not teach, an instructor from the North Bennett Street Industrial School was engaged on Saturdays, and he taught the names and uses of the various tools. The boys

were very much interested in the lessons, and the need of accuracy and attention to details were strongly enforced.

The pond which was made nearly two years ago is still unfit for bathing, and it is hoped we may be able this season to have it put in proper condition to use for bathing purposes. The boys were taken during the warm season to Allen's pond at some expense for their weekly baths.

In the summer our well was dry for a short time, which for so large a family means much extra care as to the use of water, as well also as extra labor in obtaining it. It seems most desirable and more economical that we should have city water, or a wind mill, by which, I think, plenty of water could be obtained from a spring on our premises.

Mr. Henry S. Grew, with his accustomed liberality and thoughtfulness, furnished the funds for the usual trip on the Charles River, which was participated in by all, much to every one's delight.

Mrs. Marshall S. Scudder, who is spending the summers in our vicinity, paid the expense of a visit of the boys to the Mechanics Exhibition, which they greatly enjoyed.

Mr. S. F. Cate of West Newton has fallen into the habit of giving the boys a sleigh ride each winter. He sent his fine boat-sleigh with four horses and carried all the boys to Boston, and their song and merry laughter showed their proper enjoyment of the ride.

At the Christmas celebration the tree presented by the centenarian, Mr. Seth Davis, was loaded with the gifts of Mrs. Hemenway and other friends. Our neighbors and the boys' Sabbath School teachers were invited, and about thirty were present to listen to the entertainment, and to all it seemed to be a joyous time.

On the 22nd of February there was an entertainment, to which the Directors were invited, and all seemed greatly pleased with the songs and recitations. Mrs. G. M. Barnard gave a sum of money to each boy, and Mr. Barnard

spoke of the value of saving. About two-thirds of the boys gave their money to one of the Directors, who opened an account for them in the savings bank.

On Decoration Day the boys were carried to the Cottage Hospital, and there sang for the pleasure of the sick ones, and left bouquets for them. They then went to Newton Lower Falls, and marched with the Grand Army to the Cemetery, where by request they participated in the services, chanting one of the Psalms. Mr. Elijah Wetherbee had arranged for their entertainment, and after the services they went to the house of Mr. Spring and were furnished with lemonade and candy. Afterward upon the Rectory grounds Rev. Mr. Wells and family spread a substantial and abundant lunch, of which all partook, and returned greatly pleased with the experiences of the day. Mr. C. H. Jennison furnished the team for our use.

During the year there has been instituted a system of marking for misconduct, and grades according to marks received, with a roll of honor and of disgrace. Some special privilege has been granted those in the first grade, while those on the roll of honor have been taken to ride, have visited the Waltham watch factory, and all made to feel that it will pay to do well, and that we would rather reward for good conduct than punish for misdeeds. This has been a wonderful stimulus to good behavior. A neat badge has been given by Miss Blanche Shimmin, to be worn by all who are on the roll of honor.

Immediately after dinner on the Sabbath we require each boy to take a book and read, and have been greatly pleased with the result in bringing some into a habit of reading which they have lacked when coming here. We consider it an important gain that they have this habit when leaving Pine Farm.

Mrs. E. T. Eldridge has continued her liberal donation for the teaching of singing, and Mr. L. E. Chase has come

weekly to give instruction and practice. The boys have greatly improved under his instruction and one Sunday afternoon, by his invitation and under his direction, carried on a praise service in Newton for the Y. M. C. A., and the audience, which filled the hall to overflowing, were greatly pleased with their music. They were afterwards invited to sing at the Sunday School concert of the church in Auburn-dale, which they did.

By the kindness of Miss A. L. Rotch the boxes in the basement have been removed, and a small closet for each boy, with a number of new mirrors, give opportunity for each one to exercise more care of his clothing and to make himself neater in appearance.

Mr. R. W. Kendall has been extremely liberal in his contribution of material for summer pants, and the generosity of Miss Wales and the Misses Paine in having them made, as also the sheets and shirts, is worthy of mention.

For several months we had from 35 to 37 here, and our experience during these few months emphasizes the wisdom of those who limited the number to thirty in one family. One not accustomed to the work can hardly realize how much the personal work with each boy is interfered with by the care of a few more boys. The conviction of Mrs. Moore and myself is strengthened with the more experience we have that to accomplish the most with these boys requires time for continued individual precept and personal influence over them. The first ten years of their life are worth more than any other portion of it in forming their character. We get them after this formative period and have not only to teach them much, but to so control them that they will change habits already formed and forget or despise some things which they have learned. It has been our pleasure to see some changes in the boys from the sullen, distrustful expression upon the face, to that of bright confidence in us and in their own future. This is not accomplished without anxious

care and constant watchfulness, which exhausts the nervous system and requires more time for recuperation than we have yet been able to obtain. I think the tone of the boys is better than heretofore, and our efforts to awaken a sense of honor and a conscience that accuses for wrong doing is having an influence upon them for their good and for the elevation of the moral tone among them. To make them what we want them to be requires a change in them which God alone can make, using the Society and its agents to that end, and for that we labor with the assurance that our labors will not be in vain.

Now, standing at the close of the year, the record of which is past and beyond our control, we enter upon another with the earnest desire to do all we may for the highest good of all who come under our care, and praying for guidance that we may by example and precept do only that which will be to the glory of God and the good of our fellow men.

Remembering gratefully the uniform kindness and consideration of the Board of Directors, and particularly of the special committee on Pine Farm, it shall be our endeavor to make this a *Home* for all who may come to us, and to exercise over them a parental care that shall be for their best good.

Your attention is called to the following tables of amount raised and sold, and the various donations received.

BENJ. F. MOORE,
Superintendent Pine Farm Home.

APPENDIX A.

RAISED.

[Computed at the average price of sales.]

15 tons Hay	\$300 00	18 bushels Turnips . .	\$9 00
8 tons Beets and Man-		5 bushels Onions . . .	7 50
gels	96 00	200 pounds Butter . . .	50 00
2 tons Fodder Corn . .	36 00	1750 pounds Squash . .	35 00
503 boxes Strawberries .	95 57	1045 pounds Pork . . .	73 15
120 boxes Raspberries .	27 00	18 barrels Apples . . .	36 00
50 bushels Potatoes . .	45 00	3 barrels Peas	12 00
18 bushels Peas	29 00	Asparagus	45 00
45 bushels Tomatoes . .	31 50	Cucumbers	10 00
5 bushels Currants . .	16 00	Eggs	37 80
105 bushels Sweet Corn .	84 00	Stone	23 50
7 bushels Beans	10 50		
			\$1,109 52

APPENDIX B.

SOLD.

Strawberries	\$85 30	Cucumbers	\$5 28
Raspberries	20 44	Squashes	16 06
Currants	9 62	Onions	2 66
Asparagus	34 55	Eggs	12 12
Beets and Carrots . . .	45 57	Dressing	163 50
Corn	48 63	Hay	77 64
Peas	24 63	Pork Products	9 72
Tomatoes	25 79	Stone	23 50
Apples	18 15	Cow	35 00
Turnips	7 69	Pasture rent	13 00
Beans	16 72		
			\$695 57

APPENDIX C.

DONATIONS.

June, 1887.

Books—George Lee, Chestnut Hill.
 Straw hats—North, Fiske & Co.,
 Boston.
 Clothing and papers—P. Thatcher,
 West Newton.
 Clothing and books—Dr. H. M.
 Field, Newton.

July.

Fire crackers, torpedoes, etc.—H.
 A. Lamb, Boston.
 Salmon, cakes, ice cream, etc.—G.
 W. Armstrong, Boston.
 Lawn tennis set—Hon. Robert Treat
 Paine, Boston.
 Six bound volumes London Graphic
 —Mr. and Mrs. Francis Blake,
 Weston.

August.

Clothing—Edw. Tiffany, W. Newton.

September.

Picture, framed—H. A. Lamb.

October.

Clothing—Mrs. R. R. Bishop, New-
 ton Centre; Mrs. Wm. Clafin,
 Newtonville; Edward Tiffany,
 West Newton; Mrs. Rual W.
 Waters, Newton Centre.

November.

Clothing—Mrs. Sweet, Auburndale;
 Mrs. Jos. W. Grigg, Newtonville;
 Mrs. Rollins, Newtonville; Mrs.
 G. E. Cabot, Brookline; Mrs.
 Francis Tiffany, West Newton.
 Magazines and papers—Mrs. Rual
 W. Waters, Newton Centre.

For Thanksgiving.

- Two dollars and a half—Chas. F. Shimmin, Boston.
 Two dollars—J. F. Fuller, West Newton.
 Ten dollars—H. A. Lamb, Boston.
 Cranberries—Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, Boston.
 One turkey—R. W. Kendall, West Newton.
 One turkey—A. Graves, West Newton.
 Oysters—W. E. Glover, West Newton.
 Candy—O. Lewis, West Newton.
 Barrel, containing apples, squash, pair chickens, etc.—Mr. Davison, South Foxboro.

December.

- Game, Loto—Mrs. Henry I. Howe, Boston.
 Forty books—Thos. E. Stutson, West Newton.
 Yacht—Made and presented to the Society by Com. Richard B. Forbes, and bought by a few friends for one hundred dollars, and presented to Pine Farm.

For Christmas.

- Fifty dollars—Mrs. Hemenway, Boston.
 Ten dollars—A Friend, by Edward Jackson, Boston.
 Five dollars—Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill.
 Box candy—H. E. Woodbury, West Newton.
 Beef for dinner—F. M. Dutch, West Newton.
 Christmas tree—Seth Davis, West Newton.
 One-half bushel pop corn—Geo. H. Frost, West Newton.
 Ornaments for tree—Mrs. Roll Lee, Chestnut Hill.
 Games—Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill.

January, 1888.

- Twenty-eight books—Estes & Lauriat, Boston.
 Twenty-four pair rubber boots—E. S. Converse, Boston.
 Boots and shoes—Mrs. Rollins, Newtonville.
 Clothing—Mr. Howland, West Newton.
 Youth's Companion—T. E. Stutson, West Newton; A. Jennison, Waltham.

- Clothing—Mrs. E. F. Wiswall, Newton Lower Falls.
 Books—Mrs. G. A. Townsend, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Games—Mrs. S. A. Moulder, Philadelphia, Penn.

February.

- Clothing—Ladies Society, First Cong. Church, Newton Centre.
 Twenty-five cents for each boy—Mrs. G. M. Barnard, Boston.
 Three books—Mrs. G. M. Barnard, Boston.
 One book—Miss M. Murdock, Cambridge.
 \$5.50 for books—H. S. Grew, Boston.
 Harper's Weeklies—T. E. Stutson, West Newton.
 Eight dollars—Seven boys, Longwood.
 Ten dollars—Bible Class, Cong. Church, West Newton.
 Tools—Bowles, Kimball & Wild, Boston.
 Skates—J. S. Blatchford, Boston.
 Books—Mrs. Henry Pickering, Boston.

March.

- Cloth for pants—R. W. Kendall, West Newton.
 Two pictures framed—C. W. Scudder, Brookline.

April.

- Clothing—Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill.
 Linoleum for sewing room—F. Merriam, Boston.
 Clothing—J. E. L. Newton; Channing Church Sewing Circle, Newton.
 Braided rug—Mrs. Maria Wales, Holbrook.
 Two pictures—Theophilus Parsons, Boston.

May.

- Clothing—Master Arthur Dupee, Chestnut Hill.
 Cotton cloth—Theophilus Parsons, Boston.
 Braided rug—Mrs. Maria Wales, Holbrook.
 Mirrors and lumber for boxes in basement—Miss A. L. Rotch, Boston.
 Ice cream—Miss Helen Paine, Boston.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance as per report June 1, 1887.	\$5,322 01	
Current expenses in May, 1887, not included in report made June 1, 1887.	656 35	
		<u>\$4,665 66</u>
Income from Shaw Fund for girls	\$270 00	
Donations for girls	200 00	
		<u>470 00</u>
Donations for boys	\$7,242 36	
Subscriptions for boys, (annual)	2,245 00	
Special donation for salary Probation Assistant . . .	58 33	
Received from parents and guardians for board of boys	469 35	
Income from investments	2,302 08	
Interest from bank deposits	8 00	
Borrowed from special funds	395 87	
		<u>12,720 99</u>

Pine Farm.

Received from board of boys placed there	\$609 46	
Sales of farm products	518 75	
Special contributions	8 11	
Sales of cow and other property	71 50	
Sundries	10 58	
		<u>1,218 40</u>
		<u>\$19,075 05</u>

Summary.

Expenditures, June 1, 1887-June 1, 1888	\$14,755 95	
Receipts	14,013 52	
		<u>\$742 43</u>
Deficiency		\$742 43
Bank balance, June 1, 1887	\$4,665 66	
Investment	4,050 00	
		<u>\$615 66</u>
Bank balance, June 1, 1888	269 10	
		<u>\$346 56</u>
Borrowed	395 87	
		<u>\$742 43</u>

EXPENDITURES.

<i>Foxborough.</i>		
Boys' board	\$1,658 30	
Clothing	199 81	
Salaries, traveling and other expenses	1,013 90	
	<hr/>	\$2,872 01
<i>Weston.</i>		
Boys' board	\$221 02	
Clothing	123 31	
Salaries and supplies	406 39	
	<hr/>	750 72
<i>Pine Farm.</i>		
Salaries	\$2,202 12	
Provisions	1,361 45	
Clothing	524 03	
Farm and stable	817 71	
Fuel	286 37	
Insurance	88 87	
Repairs	371 64	
Instruction	68 53	
Sundries	203 04	
	<hr/>	5,923 76
Board of boys in farmers' homes	\$1,394 70	
Charles W. Birtwell's salary and expenses	1,863 69	
Assistant's salary, one month probation work	58 33	
Miss Washburn's salary and expenses	781 41	
Bureau of information	44 17	
Interest	51 82	
Reports and advertising	188 82	
Christmas (from special donations)	60 00	
	<hr/>	4,442 94
Investment in \$4,000 K. C. & C. & S. 5s		4,050 00
Board of girls	\$697 76	
Clothing for girls	68 76	
	<hr/>	766 52
Cash in hands of Assistant Treasurer	\$252 29	
Cash in hands of B. F. Moore, Supt. P. F.	16 81	
	<hr/>	269 10
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		\$19,075 05
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BOSTON, June 1, 1888.

E. & O. E.

H. A. LAMB, *Treasurer, pro tem.*ELLEN G. PARKER, *Assistant Treasurer.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1887-88.

Atkinson, George	\$10 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	\$25 00
Baruard, Miss M. L.	5 00	Lowell, Miss G.	25 00
Beal, Thos. P.	5 00	Lowell, Hon. John	10 00
Beebe, J. Arthur	25 00	Lyman, Theo.	25 00
Billings, Chas. E.	50 00	Matchett, W. F.	10 00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50 00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10 00
Bowditch, J. I.	30 00	Merriam, Chas.	10 00
Brewer, Cyrus	25 00	Merriam, Mrs. Chas.	10 00
Brooks, Mrs. S.	25 00	Minot, Wm.	5 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20 00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25 00
Buck, Mrs. David	5 00	Murdock, Miss M.	10 00
Bullard, W. S.	20 00	Paine, Hon. Rob't T.	75 00
Cabot, J. Elliot	15 00	Paine, The Misses	25 00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	15 00	Pickman, Mrs. W. D.	20 00
Clarke, Rev. J. F.	10 00	Pierce, Miss E. D.	5 00
Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	10 00	Quincy, G. H.	10 00
Curtis, Mrs. Chas. P.	10 00	Reade, Miss Sarah E.	10 00
Ditson, Oliver	25 00	Rotch, Miss A. L.	100 00
Endicott, Wm., Jr.	100 00	Saltonstall, Henry	100 00
Endicott, Miss Clara T.	10 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25 00
Everett, Wm.	10 00	Sears, Mrs. David	5 00
Fay, Miss S. B.	20 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen	25 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	20 00
Goddard, Geo. A.	25 00	Shimmin, C. F.	10 00
Green, C. G.	10 00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5 00
Grew, Henry S.	50 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	10 00
Hale, Hon. Geo. S.	10 00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5 00
Hemenway, Mrs. A.	100 00	Thayer, Mrs. N.	100 00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10 00	Tolman, Jas. P.	25 00
Hooper, Edward W.	50 00	Wales, Miss M. A.	200 00
Hubbard, C. E.	5 00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25 00
Hubbard, J. M.	5 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10 00
Hunnewell, F. W.	25 00	Wheelwright, Miss A. C.	5 00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	25 00	Whitney, Edward	20 00
Jackson, Miss E.	10 00	Wigglesworth, Miss A.	50 00
Jackson, Edward	50 00	Wigglesworth, Thos.	20 00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25 00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C.	5 00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C.	5 00
Jackson, Mrs. S. C.	25 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Lamb, H. A.	50 00	Wyman, M., Jr.	5 00
Lawrence, Mrs. Amos A.	50 00	Young, Miss B. L.	25 00
Lee, Geo. C.	25 00	Young, Miss F.	5 00
Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10 00		
Loring, Mrs. Wm. C.	25 00		
			\$2,245 00

DONATIONS, 1887-88.

Allen, Hon. Chas.	820 00	A Friend	\$10 00
Alford, O. H.	25 00	First Church contribution.	810 00
Alvord, Mrs. J. C.	10 00	First Church, S.W. Brooke,	
Ames, F. L.	50 00	minister	5 00
Amory, C. W.	50 00	Gardner, Mrs. George	50 00
Appleton, Mrs. W.	20 00	Glover, J. B.	50 00
Appleton, W.	10 00	Goddard, J.	1 00
A. B.	50 00	Gray, Miss H.	25 00
Barnard, Mrs. G. M.	100 00	Gray, Miss E. C.	25 00
Bartlett, The Misses	5 00	Grover, W. O.	25 00
Battelle, Eugene	10 00	Hallowell, Mrs. A. D.	5 00
Bigelow, Miss E. B.	25 00	H. C.	2 00
Blake, Mrs. Geo. B.	10 00	Hemenway, Mrs. A., (for	
Bond, Edw. P.	10 00	Christmas)	50 00
Brewer, John L.	50 00	Hemenway, Mrs. A., Jr.	25 00
Brewster, Mrs. O.	20 00	Higginson, George	100 00
Brooks, Peter C.	100 00	Higginson, Waldo	20 00
Burr, Isaac T.	100 00	Higginson, F. L.	25 00
Burdett, H. S.	25 00	Hodges, Miss S. E.	10 00
Binney Fund, through C.		Hodges, Dr. R. M.	5 00
W. Loring	500 00	Howes, Miss E. S., (for	
Cabot, J. E.	20 00	Foxborough)	20 00
Cabot, J. H.	20 00	Hunnewell, H. H.	25 00
Cary, Mrs. W. P.	25 00	Jackson, Mrs. S. B. S.	20 00
Cary, Miss A. P.	25 00	James, Mrs. J. W.	50 00
Cash	2 00	Jewett, Miss Sarah O.	10 00
Chadwick, Mrs.	10 00	Kimball, Mrs. D. P.	50 00
Clarke, Mrs. E. C.	10 00	Kuhn, Mrs. H.	5 00
Cochrane, Mrs. Alex.	10 00	A Lady, through Miss A.	
Codman, E. W.	10 00	P. Jackson	100 00
Colby, Mrs. Josiah	5 00	A Lady, in Cambridge	20 00
Commonwealth Ave., 326	5 00	Lamb, Miss Jane	25 00
Coolidge, A. C.	10 00	Lawrence, Mrs. Amos A.	200 00
Coolidge, J. R.	10 00	Lee, Henry	20 00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr.	5 00	Lincoln, W. H.	10 00
Cushing, Mrs. Livingstone.	5 00	Loring, Elisha T.	100 00
Cushing, R. M.	25 00	Lowell, Miss E., (for Fox-	
Derby, Mrs. H.	5 00	borough)	50 00
Eaton, Mrs. W. S.	20 00	Lowell, Miss E. J.	5 00
Evans, Mrs. Glendower	25 00	Lowell, Percival	10 00
Evans, Mrs. R. D.	10 00	Lowell, Miss G. G.	25 00
Fabyan, G. F.	25 00	Loring, Mrs. Wm. C.	200 00
Forbes, Mrs. W. H.	50 00	Lyman, Miss Annie	10 00
A Friend	25 00	Mass. Charitable Fire As-	
A Friend	10 00	sociation	100 00
A Friend	1 00	Mason, Miss I. M.	200 00
A Friend, Cambridge	100 00	Mason, W. P.	20 00
A Friend	25 00	Marlborough St., 32	5 00
A Friend, through C. W.		Meeting House Hill church,	
Scudder	400 00	C. R. Eliot, minister	106 36
A Friend	100 00	In memory of C. T. H.	50 00

In memoriam	\$5 00	Salisbury, Waldo	\$25 00
Merriman, Mrs. D.	25 00	Saltonstall, Leverett	10 00
Meyer, Mrs. G.	10 00	Sargent, Mrs. Fanny	3 00
Minot, Geo. R.	25 00	Scudder, C. W.	25 00
Montgomery, Wm.	10 00	Scudder, H. E.	25 00
N., F. C.	100 00	Sears, Mrs. F. R., Jr.	10 00
Palfrey, Miss	7 00	Sears, K. W.	10 00
Parkinson, Mrs. John	25 00	Skinner, Miss F.	50 00
Parker, Chas. H.	10 00	Shattuck, Geo. O.	25 00
Parker, Miss Ellen G.	10 00	Simpkins, S. G.	50 00
Parker, Miss Theo.	5 00	Smith, W. H.	10 00
Parsons, Miss G.	10 00	Smith, Miss A. E.	2 00
Peabody, F. H.	100 00	Stearns, C. H.	10 00
Phillips, Mrs. J. C., Jr.	100 00	Stevenson, Miss A. B.	5 00
Pickering, Mrs. H.	100 00	Stevenson, Mrs. M. C.	5 00
Pierce, J. W.	50 00	Tappan, Mrs. W.	125 00
Pierce, S. S. & Co.	2 00	Tappan, Miss M. A.	75 00
Preston, Geo. M.	5 00	Thayer, B.	100 00
Pulsifer, R. M.	10 00	Thorndike, Chas.	25 00
Putnam, Miss M. Lowell	10 00	Tolman, Miss H.	10 00
Quincy, Miss A. P.	5 00	Wales, G. W.	5 00
R., C. S.	20 00	Ware, C. P.	5 00
R., M. F.	1 00	Ward, Miss E. M.	5 00
R., W. A.	1 00	Warren, S. D.	100 00
Reed, Mrs. B. T.	15 00	Whitney, H. M.	100 00
Richardson, Mrs. T. S.	25 00	Whitwell, Miss S.	5 00
Rice, Miss Grace S.	2 00	Wigglesworth, Miss A.	50 00
Robeson, Mrs. A.	5 00	Wigglesworth, Thos.	100 00
Robeson, Mrs. W. R.	15 00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. Edw.	25 00
Ropes, J. C.	20 00	Williams, Arthur	5 00
Rotch, Mrs. B. S.	300 00	Williams, The Misses	10 00
Rotch, Miss Edith	50 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C., Jr.	25 00
Russell, —	5 00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	100 00
S., A. P.	10 00	Woodbury, Geo. E.	5 00
S., A. P., (Christmas)	10 00	Yacht—R. B. Forbes	100 00
Salisbury, Miss R.	25 00		
			\$7,242 36

DONATIONS FOR GIRLS.

Hooper, Edw. W.	\$50 00	Paine, The Misses	\$25 00
Mason, Miss I. M.	100 00		
Paine, Hon. R. T.	25 00		\$200 00

FOR FOXBOROUGH HOME.

Miss A. L. Rotch, for Fourth of July, \$3.	From Foxboro' Committee, Christmas, 13 prs. rubber boots, books, skates and blocks.
Miss A. L. Rotch, writing books and school books.	Mrs. R. W. Lakeman, \$3.
Miss A. P. Jackson, clothing.	Mr. R. A. Rollins, \$1.
“ “ “ “	Miss Murdock, \$1.
Miss A. L. Rotch, “	Miss A. P. Jackson, (for clothing) \$8.
A friend in Boston, “	Mrs. Edwin Gray, clothing.
Mr. H. A. Lamb, Thanksgiving, \$5.	Mr. H. A. Lamb, large bundle of cloth for boys.
From Foxboro' Committee, box of confectionery for Thanksgiving.	Dr. Hitchcock's family, large bundle of clothing for boys.
Mr. Rotch, for boys, \$1.50.	
Mrs. Mary A. Pope, \$3.	

FOR BOYS BOARDED IN THE COUNTRY BY GENERAL AGENT.

Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd . \$30 00 | Wales, Miss M. A. (annual) \$200 00

FOR HOME LIBRARIES IN BOSTON.

Alcott, Miss Louisa M., 5 books.
 Beale, Miss J. F., \$3.
 Carossi, Joseph V., Youths' Companions.
 Crafts, Mrs. Henry, Youths' Companions.
 Dates, Miss Bertha, Our Youth, Vol. I.
 A friend, through Mrs. W. R. Nichols, 1 book.
 A friend, through Mrs. W. R. Nichols, \$15.
 Friends, through Miss Blanche Shimmmin, \$15.
 Grew, H. S., \$15.
 Hamilton, Miss S. Z., 6 books.
 King's Chapel Branch of Woman's Auxiliary Council, 38 books.

"Little Women's Auxiliary," Brookline, \$30.
 Lord, Miss E. C., \$15.
 Loring, Miss L. P., 6 books.
 Mason, Miss I. M., \$15.
 Metcalf, H. B., \$15.
 Murdock, Miss Maria, magazines.
 Paine, Miss Helen, \$15.
 Paine, R. T., \$15.
 Rotch, Miss A. L., \$20.
 Saltonstall, Henry, \$15.
 Slade, Mrs. D. D., 27 books.
 Tri-mountain Club, package of periodicals.
 Tuttle, Mrs. E. L., 1 book.
 "Young Idea," Editors of, through Miss C. H. Allen, 20 copies for one year.

FOR INCIDENTAL CHARITY IN BOSTON.

Baldwin, F. A., 6 garments for boys.
 Bullard, Mrs. S. H., 10 prs. stockings.
 Fisk, Miss Laura L., 8 Christmas cards.
 A friend, through H. A. Lamb, 7 garments for boys.
 A friend, through Mrs. D. D. Slade, 31 garments for boys.
 Goodnow, F. C., 6 garments, 1 hat, 1 pair boots.
 Gordon, J. W., clothing for boys.
 Grew, H. S., \$10.
 Hadley, Mrs. Edwin, 2 caps.
 Hamilton, Miss S. Z., \$2.
 Lamb, H. A., for school-books for home study by working boys and girls, \$25.29.

"Little Women's Auxiliary," Brookline, \$10.
 Loring, Mrs. W. C., (for Christmas \$5,) \$10.
 Morse, Mrs. A. B., 8 pieces of clothing for girls.
 Nichols, Mrs. J. A., 1 suit of clothes and 7 garments.
 Slade, Mrs. D. D., 35 articles of clothing and box of toys.
 Stone, Miss K. H., 3 garments.
 Thomas, Mrs. E. I., \$10.
 Tuttle, Mrs. E. L., 6 neckties.
 Warren, Dr. J. C., Punch and Judy Show.
 Wesselhoeft, Mrs. Minna, \$5.

FOR OFFICE.

Lamb, H. A., 1 desk; 1 letter press.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the uses of said corporation.

OFFICERS FOR 1889-90.

President.

GEORGE S. HALE.

Vice-Presidents.

HENRY S. GREW.

ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

Clerk.

HORACE D. CHAPIN.

Treasurer.

EDWARD JACKSON.

Auditor.

THEOPHILUS PARSONS.

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MRS. D. D. SLADE.
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MISS ANNETTE P. ROGERS.
MISS MARY A. TAPPAN.

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MRS. D. D. SLADE.
H. A. LAMB.

Finance Committee.

THEOPHILUS PARSONS. R. T. PAINE.

Committee on Admission and to confer with Agent.

H. A. LAMB.

C. W. SCUDDER.

H. S. GREW.

Committee on Subsequent Supervision and to confer with Visitor.

HORACE D. CHAPIN.

C. W. HUBBARD.

MRS. W. C. LORING.

Pine Farm Committee.

C. W. SCUDDER.
MRS. W. C. LORING.

MRS. C. W. SCUDDER.
THEOPHILUS PARSONS.
MISS HELEN PAINE.

MRS. D. D. SLADE.
H. S. GREW.

Committee on Foxborough.

HORACE D. CHAPIN.

MISS ROTCH.

MISS JACKSON.

Committee on Weston.

CHAS. W. HUBBARD.

MRS. COOLIDGE.

MRS. FISKE.

Committee on Girls' Fund.

MRS. LORING.

MISS PARKER.

MISS PAINE.

Associate Visitors.

For Weston: MRS. W. C. LORING.

For Girls: MRS. GLENDOWER EVANS. MISS CHICKERING.

General Agent.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL, 43 Charity Building, Chardon Street.

Assistant: MRS. ELIZABETH L. TUTTLE. *Probation Agent:* MR. W. H. PEAR.

General Visitor.

MISS MARY J. WASHBURN, West Newton, Mass.

Superintendents.

Pine Farm, West Newton, BENJAMIN F. MOORE.

Rock Lawn Farm, Foxboro, CHARLES N. MORSE.

Weston Home, Weston, FRANK B. RIPLEY.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

43 Charity Building, Chardon Street.

Committee: MISS A. P. ROGERS. MISS E. G. PARKER. MISS M. A. TAPPAN.

Associated with Committee: MISS F. R. MORSE.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF METHODS.

1. **A Bureau of Information.** The case of any needy child may be reported at the office for investigation, advice, appropriate reference to other agencies, or special help.

2. **A Placing-Out Agency.** *Boarding and free homes in private families* are provided for exposed, destitute or homeless children, and the interests of the children guarded by constant supervision. When board is paid, relatives contribute according to their ability. The Society places approved homes at the disposal of other societies, boards of overseers of the poor, and private individuals, and performs, if desired, the service of supervision of the children placed in them.

3. **The Care of Wayward Children.** The Society takes charge of children who are *truant, wayward, dishonest, in danger of arrest, or under criminal prosecution, and saves them from commitment to the Juvenile Reformatory Institutions on Deer Island.* The girls, who must, as a rule, be under thirteen years of age, are placed in good private homes; board is paid by the Society, if necessary; and supervision is maintained by correspondence and visiting. Regularly the boys must be between nine and thirteen years of age, but exceptions are made. Thirty boys are received at "Pine Farm," West Newton, twenty-five at "Rock Lawn Farm," Foxboro, and sixteen at the "Weston Home," Weston, where the life resembles as far as possible that of a family, and the boys are taught farming, indoor work, and common-school studies. When fitted, the boys are placed in good families, chiefly on farms, where the work of moral improvement proceeds under the supervision of the Society, and amid the healthful influences of home life; and a friendly interest is continued after their final return to the city.

4. **Juvenile Probationers.**—An agent of the Society attends the municipal criminal court daily, serves as bondsman for juveniles who are placed upon probation, visits them in their homes, and by personal influence and guidance seeks to rescue them from the evil careers toward which they are tending.

5. **"Home Libraries"** are established in the homes of poor and morally exposed children. Ten children in the same neighborhood draw books and periodicals from a library located in the home of one of their own number who serves as librarian. A volunteer visitor assists in the management of each library. A set of books and papers, when read, is exchanged for a fresh supply. Thus far fifteen libraries have been established. A similar plan is about to be adopted for giving instruction in "*Home Amusements.*"

INTRODUCTORY REPORT.

The work of the Boston Children's Aid Society increases year by year with the growth of the city, and it is the constant aim of the directors to keep their machinery in such good running order that it may meet the increased demand as promptly and efficiently as possible. But it cannot do so without increased expense, and therefore, while deeply grateful for the generous help given to us in the past, we must ask our friends and the public for more and still more in the future. It is a problem which concerns all, for the more boys and girls we can turn from an idle and vicious life into an honest and useful one, the better will be the community of the future. It is a problem which we strive to solve in the wisest and surest way, asking for advice and criticism as to our methods as freely as for help in carrying them on.

We have lately been trying a preventive line of work among the children in the city, by friendly visiting and intercourse, home libraries, and other means, which will be more fully described in the General Agent's report, and the bureau of information stands ready to help and advise in all cases which cannot be otherwise cared for. If a girl proves wayward or vicious, or for other reasons cannot be kept at home, the Girls' Branch places her in some good family in the country, where she is carefully trained under the oversight of a member of the Society. If a boy, his parents may surrender him to the Society till sixteen or eighteen years of age, and he is then placed at one of the homes, Pine Farm at West Newton, Rock Lawn Farm at Foxborough, or the Weston Home, where he is taught farming, indoor work, common-school studies, etc., and, the most important feature of our work, is brought under the happy and healthful influences of a Christian family life. When

the boy is sufficiently reformed or sobered he is put into a farmer's family to work for his board, and carefully looked after by our indefatigable General Visitor, whose constant interest in each boy's welfare is a help and inspiration to him in his new life. Most of these boys find their way back to the city when their age of emancipation from the Society comes, but we endeavor to keep a friendly care over them by means of a Graduates' Club, visiting them at their homes, and in other experimental ways, of which a full account will be found in the General Agent's report. This work is still new, and largely owes its success to the exertions of individual members of the Society, but it should be one of our most important branches, as the boys return to the city at an age when they are still exposed to its temptations and not old enough to make the best use of its opportunities.

Through the generosity of Miss M. A. Wales we have been enabled to undertake some work among the children placed upon probation by the courts, and our endeavors in this direction will be given in detail in the General Agent's report.

So much for our general methods, which we try to make wise and progressive, and as elastic as possible, and which have so far been justified by good results.

We are especially fortunate in those who work with us. Our General Agent is unsparing in his energy and devotion, opening new and useful lines of action, while effectually carrying out the old and tried ones. The heads of the three Homes have their hearts in the work; the General Visitor, of whom mention has already been made, and the assistants in our various departments, are most faithful and conscientious. With their help we feel that we are well equipped for carrying out our work, if we could but feel secure of the necessary funds. It is very desirable that by increased annual subscriptions and gifts the Society should be placed in a position where no anxiety for the future need interfere with its growth in the present.

The increase in our work is shown by the constant demand for new volunteers in the city work, by the establishment of

the new Home at Weston, the enlargement of the Foxborough Home, and other signs too numerous to mention here. We are much indebted to our associate and volunteer visitors, and to all who have aided us by their generous gifts of time and interest, as well as money.

For further details the public is referred to the following reports, and with hearty thanks for their help in the past we look forward to such lasting help in the future as shall enable us to carry on our work to the best advantage of those who come under our care, and through them of the community at large.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

A year ago the Society decided to widen the scope of its work by making its central office a Bureau of Information, to which the case of any needy child might be reported for investigation, advice, appropriate reference to other agencies, or special help. It thereby adopted toward the various classes of needy children the same attitude that it had taken toward wayward children from its very organization in 1864: with this difference, that whereas it had assumed actual charge of the latter, it now proposed in behalf of the new classes embraced in its wider constituency,—the destitute, homeless, suffering and morally exposed,—to utilize existing agencies, so far as they seemed sound in principle and method, and itself to render assistance only when there was no other source from which to obtain the needed help. Urged to this important step by the appeal of the Standing Committee on Children appointed at a General Conference of the Charities of Boston, and almost compelled to it by the constantly increasing pressure upon the Boston office for advice and help, the Society finally yielded to the logic of the position of peculiar opportunity and duty in which it found itself. Yet in this advance it merely accepted the full meaning of its original charter, which in the following words

linked noble names to a noble cause, and gave the Society a broad basis for its work :—

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In the death of the Rev. Dr. James Freeman Clarke the last of this honored list of the founders of the Society passed away.

All cases, in reality, brought to our attention may be said to come in the first instance before the Bureau of Information, which thereupon gives information or makes suggestions ; refers to other appropriate sources of relief ; renders any kind of assistance that may be required in emergencies ; sends the children to boarding or free homes in private families ; or admits them, if wayward boys, to the training homes of the Society at West Newton, Foxboro and Weston.

In the cases in which advice merely is given, or reference made to other agencies, or some unusual form of assistance rendered, it is extremely desirable that we may be able to supplement the original investigation by subsequent inquiries concerning the results of our action. At present this purpose is thwarted by the limited number of our working force.

During the year the Bureau of Information has had fifty-seven children in its care at board or free of charge in private families, chiefly in the country. Of this number, forty-three have been boarded for longer or shorter periods. The total cost of board and clothing has been \$1,611.12. Toward this amount parents and other relatives have paid \$770.42 ; benevolent individuals, \$210.73 ; Overseers of the Poor, charitable societies, and special funds, \$62.07 ; and the Bureau of Information the remainder, \$567.90. The Bureau of Information is practically certain to be reimbursed still further to the extent of at least \$50. Aside, therefore, from the expense involved in finding the homes and supervising

the children placed in them, the Bureau of Information has rendered effective for this most happy form of relief a total fund three times as large as its own contribution. Nor is any account here made of six children for whom the Bureau of Information found suitable boarding places, reliable parents or friends paying all expenses directly instead of through the office, and assuming the responsibility of oversight.

Had it not been for this department of our work, a large proportion of these children would have become a *total burden* to public or private charities, and would have been sent to *institutions* instead of private families. Is it not reasonable to look for such support from the benevolent in our community as shall warrant more work of the same character?

We have been able to carry out only to a slight extent our desire to serve kindred societies by finding homes for children in their care. On every hand children's societies are appealing for funds with which to enlarge institutions already too large, or to found new ones. We believe that they would welcome such assistance as would enable them to give a more healthful direction to their own growth,—to rely less upon the unnatural, artificial, human inventions called institutions, and more upon the natural home life ordained when God “set the solitary in families.” So, too, in only a few instances have we been able to co-operate with the Overseers of the Poor of our cities and towns to keep children out of the almshouses, or to take out those who have been admitted and, it may be, are kept there contrary to law, and to place them in private families. This has been due thus far to no lack of willingness to co-operate on the part of the Overseers of the Poor. Our work in this direction has been limited only by the time and means at our disposal. Nor has much progress been made toward obtaining the help of good people in the country in finding homes for city children. The success of the Bureau of Information in placing children in families will depend largely upon the extent to which we enlist the sympathies of the benevolent in our rural districts. We must organize committees in the country to befriend the

poor children of their own neighborhoods, and at the same time assist us in providing homes for children from the city.

Fifty-two wayward boys have been admitted during the year to Pine Farm and the Foxboro and Weston Homes; and the sum of \$1,209.35 has been paid toward their board by parents, other relatives, and guardians. The number of boys received during the previous year was sixty-one. The decrease is partly due to the fact that through the Bureau of Information we are now in a position to experiment in a doubtful case, not only as formerly by giving the boy another trial at home, but also, if advisable, by placing him in a family with a view to finding out whether he is amenable to the discipline there afforded, or needs to be admitted to one of the Society's Homes. The result may be that the boy, instead of being sent to one of the Homes, either is boarded at less expense in a private family and in due time transferred to a free place, or is located at once in a free home.

Thus the Bureau of Information gives the Society the inestimable advantage of freedom from the restraints of arbitrary rules and regulations and the fetters of few and stereotyped methods; and the old and the new work merely supplement each other. I beg, therefore, to ask if there ought to be a separate fund for each department? An appeal for money to support one cannot be made without a statement of the work of the other. Would it not be well, therefore, to provide for these two departments, the Training Homes for wayward boys and the Bureau of Information, as well as those I have still to mention, the work among the graduates and probationers, and the home libraries and home amusements, from one general treasury, individual donors being still at liberty to contribute, if they prefer, to special phases of the work, and appropriations from the general treasury being made upon the basis of the comparative necessities of the various branches?

A year ago a special fund was raised to meet the expenses of the Bureau of Information for one year, and at the same time pledges were obtained of support for a second and third year



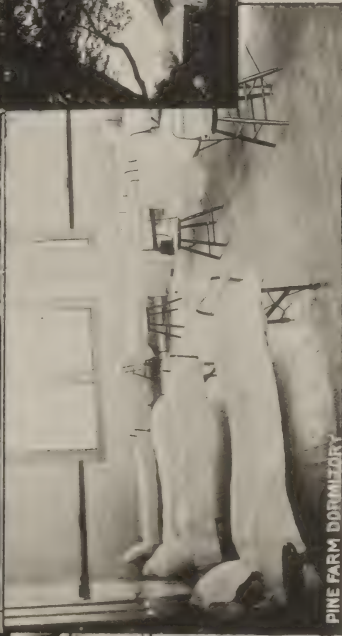
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less in amount than the provision for the first year, yet sufficient to give the Society a degree of confidence in the undertaking. But only with great difficulty have the expenses of the Bureau of Information been kept within the prescribed limit, and in various ways its work has halted for lack of means. The very fact of its establishment has not been widely announced, because our corps of workers has been too small, and our funds too limited, to warrant us in inviting a great or sudden increase of work. The amount guaranteed for the support of the Bureau of Information during the coming year is less than the sum expended by it during the past year. I do not see how it can be maintained without an appropriation for its use from the general treasury,—a plan that would seem to be justifiable, in view of the fact that the work of the Bureau figures in the appeals of the Society for funds.

Of the forty-one graduates who have received more or less attention during the year, three have been placed again in farmers' families, two have been returned to Pine Farm, one has been committed to the House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders on Deer Island, and three to the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord. Of the remaining thirty-two, at least two-thirds may be said to be doing well. Last summer the boys were taken into the country and to the seashore three times. The Trimountain Club has met once a week. Since fall the meetings have been held in the reading room and gymnasium of the St. Andrew's Church on Chambers St. In the reading room books, weekly papers, and games have been provided, and during a part of the winter an instructor in gymnastics taught the boys for an hour at each meeting of the Club. The difficulty is to get any real hold on those boys who seem not to care to do well. The visitor of the graduates has been able to devote only two days a week to them, and a month ago, to our regret, resigned. To get good results there must be more visiting in the homes of the boys. A club can at best serve only as an aid to the more important personal work outside of it.

On the first of February, after three months of experience in the general work of the Society, our probation agent began daily attendance at the Municipal Criminal Court. During the four months from February 1st to June 1st, 111 juveniles,—boys and girls under seventeen years of age,—were tried in the Municipal Court. This number comprised 105 boys and 6 girls. Their average age was between 12 and 13 years. 74 were arrested for stealing. 12 were discharged, 30 were sentenced to institutions, 35 were fined, 34 were given probation. Early in March the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, following our example, sent an agent into the same field to look after the interests of the juvenile probationers of the Catholic faith. Since that date, therefore, our agent has served as bondsman for only a small proportion of the probationers, fully three-fourths of them being Catholic children. Of the 34 placed on probation, the agent of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has taken charge of 17, a missionary from the Episcopal City Mission one, and our agent the remaining 16. Of the 16, all of whom were boys, four have been sent to the Truant School on Deer Island,—Catholic boys placed upon probation before the Catholic agent began his work. Two of the 16 probationers have been sent to Pine Farm, one has been sent to board in a family in the country, and one has been returned to his home in New Brunswick. Five have been assisted to find work, and of these all but one have kept their first places. Three have been assisted to retain the positions that they held at the time of their arrest. The period of probation of 8 of the 16 boys has expired, but the friendly oversight of the probation agent continues, in order that permanence may be given to the results already obtained. The probationers report at the office at regular intervals, and the agent also visits them in their homes. Preparations are being made to extend the work to the East Boston District Court.

What the graduates and probationers need more than anything else is a chance to learn a trade. Thus far we have seldom succeeded in finding openings for them in this direc-

tion. The old apprenticeship system has gone, and nothing has yet taken its place. It looks very much as if, under present industrial conditions, the only possible solution of the problem of work for our youth is to be found in the establishment of trade schools.

The "Home Libraries," now fifteen in number,—five more than a year ago,—are succeeding admirably. As a rule a reading group includes ten boys and girls living in the same neighborhood and varying from eight or nine to fifteen or sixteen years of age. One of their own number serves as librarian. The little book-case adorns the walls of the home of its youthful custodian, and is furnished with fifteen of the best books for children together with copies of juvenile papers and magazines. When a set of books and papers has been read, it is exchanged for a fresh supply.

An important feature of the libraries is the service of the volunteer visitors. Each group of readers is provided with a visitor, who meets the children at the home of the librarian once a week,—at the time of the regular drawing of books. Home parties and pleasant outings are arranged for the children by the visitors from time to time, and special festivities during the winter holidays. The visitors make monthly reports in writing, and hold a conference at the office on the last Thursday of every month.

A few selections from the reports of the visitors will give some idea of the quality and promise of the work. One visitor writes: "Books have been taken out more regularly than heretofore, and I think the children seem to appreciate better what they read, that is, they now give fairly intelligent answers to my inquiries about the books instead of the simple 'Yes' and 'No' which I used to get." Again, a visitor reports that when she proposed that several children should read a book together, and talk it over with one another, she found that three little girls belonging to a Hebrew family had anticipated her suggestion. From another group the visitor writes that three Italian brothers have formed a little club composed of themselves and one other boy who lives in the

same house. They meet three or four times a week, and one of the number reads some short story aloud, and then each one writes what he can remember of it, and sometimes they try to illustrate it.

The "Home Libraries" afford an excellent opportunity for the visitor to develop in the children other useful habits as well as that of reading good literature. "The children," writes one of the visitors, "continue interested in saving their pennies, and I now have \$1.88 which belongs to the several children in the group. . . . I have noticed an increase of faithfulness and punctuality in keeping appointments." From another library comes this report: "The 'Lend a Hand Club,' which has been formed about three months, is beginning to work nicely. One boy carries and chops wood for an infirm old man living near him; and two sisters help to take care of an old woman who is ill, the younger one tending her little shop, while the elder attends to some of her personal wants. Another small girl told me she tried to be patient and cheerful while the baby had the measles, as she was obliged to stay in the house most of the time, and help her mother, instead of being with her play-mates. And one little girl, twelve years old, whose mother earns her living by selling liquor on Sunday, says that she could not think of anything to do, but that she 'said something kind to a little girl whose feelings had been hurt.'"

Last spring, owing to the increase in the number of libraries, one of the visitors was induced to act as a General Visitor. For several months she gave a large portion of her time to the work as a volunteer. From the beginning, however, of her service as General Visitor it was understood that she would be able to work in that capacity only until June 1st, but the continuation of her services has been provided for through the generosity of Miss M. A. Wales.

Miss Wales has also provided temporarily for carrying out plans that have been under consideration for some time for teaching the children of the poor the art of Home Amusement: how to enjoy themselves in their own homes; how to

use, for instance, among other forms of entertainment, the many indoor games, of the commonest of which they are astonishingly ignorant. The General Visitor of the Home Libraries will take charge of this work also. The Home Amusements will go hand in hand with the Home Libraries, —two enterprises peculiarly adapted to encourage and benefit children whose home conditions are unfortunate.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

JUNE 1, 1889.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PINE FARM.

WEST NEWTON, MASS., June 1, 1889.

The average number of boys in Pine Farm School during the past year has been nearly thirty, the greatest number at any one time being thirty-three, and twenty-seven being the smallest number. Their health has been good, and during the entire year there has been a remarkable freedom from colds and the lighter ailments common among children. Dr. Albert Nott of West Newton deserves, and I trust will receive, the thanks of all interested, for his promptness in answering any call, and his continual attendance upon any symptom of disease. The dietary has been changed somewhat, and made more liberal in its range of butter and meat, with a greater variety of vegetables. Dr. C. E. A. Ross, of West Newton, has also been quite ready to give any attention to the teeth of the boys, that has been requested of him.

The boys in August last enjoyed their ride upon the Charles River, Mr. H. S. Grew, as in former years, generously bearing all expenses. In September, by the liberality of Mrs. M. S. Scudder, all the boys rode to Boston and visited the Cyclorama of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Having been reading up upon the subject beforehand, the scenes represented were quite real to them, and they greatly enjoyed and will long remember the day.

Christmas was celebrated with the tree and presents for each boy, the tree through the liberality of friends being bountifully furnished.

May 1st will be a Red Letter day with five boys who were on the Roll of Honor and in the first grade. One of our directors having promised all such a real treat on that day, a wagonette was engaged, and the five boys taken to a restaurant in Boston where a dinner had been ordered for them. After enjoying it greatly they were taken to the Cyclorama of Custer's Last Fight, and afterward a short ride through a portion of the Back Bay Park, all of which they greatly enjoyed, and seemed assured that it paid to do well. Memorial Day (30th May) all were taken to the Cottage Hospital, and there sang a few times for the pleasure of the sick, and then gave each a bouquet of flowers. Having received an invitation from Post 62, G. A. R., to do escort duty at Newton Lower Falls, the boys performed that duty in a highly satisfactory manner. They sang also at the services in the cemetery during the decoration of the graves. Master Harry Burrage, assisted by Master H. S. Felton of the Newton High School Battalion, had drilled the boys for the occasion, and our thanks are due them for their efficient services, and I am assured that a continuance of some such drill would be an excellent thing for the boys. During the year new fire escapes from the dormitories have been made by the order and to the satisfaction of the State Police, a law recently passed requiring such precaution, for the safety of those sleeping there. Mr. L. E. Chase came during the year to teach singing, and interested himself much in the boys, and the influence upon them must be for their good. Mrs. E. T. Eldridge of Newtonville, as in former years, generously bore all the expense. During the winter some lessons were given in the use of tools each week, and it would be well if some way could be devised for more training in mechanical labor. Many will not be farmers, and their best interests would be served by such preparation as would fit them for other pursuits. Most of them in after years

return to the city, and must depend upon filling places where other kinds of labor are required.

There have been few complaints, comparatively, of boys proving unsatisfactory, or, as one of the Directors expressed it, "It is perfectly marvelous how the boys are staying in their places." The roof of the ell on the school building was raised up, and an excellent class room added, furnishing much-needed accommodations and opportunity for the use of more modern methods in teaching. The entire building inside and out, as well as the barn, has been painted by the boys. The expense was contributed by generous friends without touching any of the funds of the Society. The receipts from actual farm sales are about the same as last year. The dressing was used upon our own farm, and no doubt it has been greatly improved by such a course.

Twenty-five years ago this month this place was dedicated to the purposes of the Children's Aid Society in their intent to save boys. How much has been accomplished, eternity alone can reveal. You may, however, congratulate yourselves upon past successes, and from those experiences devise new methods by which the boys you receive may, with God's grace, surely become blessings to society and take a higher position in the world than heretofore. During this quarter of a century not a death has occurred among the boys here.

Thanking the Directors, in behalf of Mrs. Moore as well as myself, for their uniform kindness and consideration, we trust the future may bring new pleasure in the assurance of success in doing good to and for others.

BENJAMIN F. MOORE,
Superintendent.

FARM PRODUCTS.

Hay	\$320 00	Onions	\$33 00
Beets and Carrots	75 00	Apples	30 00
Berries	50 00	Cucumbers and Beans	17 00
Asparagus and Rhubarb	55 00	Eggs	40 00
Potatoes	165 60	Stone	31 00
Peas	28 50	Butter	55 00
Tomatoes	30 00	Straw	38 00
Milk	292 00	Pork	42 50
Sweet Corn	56 00		
Turnips	10 00		
			\$1,368 60

PRODUCTS SOLD.

Berries	\$35 69	Onions	\$28 05
Asparagus and Rhubarb	50 33	Chicken and Eggs	16 66
Beets and Carrots	64 77	Hay and Straw	102 16
Corn and Rye	36 60	Potatoes	23 58
Peas and Tomatoes	43 42	Stone	31 00
Apples	5 07	Dressing	5 00
Turnips	8 76	Boys' labor	17 00
Cabbages	22 71		
Cucumbers and Beans	10 89		\$501 69

DONATIONS.

June, 1888.

Night shirts—Benevolent Society,
Unitarian Church, Dedham.
Plants for boys' garden—Henry
Ross, Newton Cemetery.
Papers and magazines—J. C. Pot-
ter, Newton.
Tomato plants—Geo. D. Dix, West
Newton.
Clothing—Mrs. J. W. Hastings,
West Newton.
Clothing—H. W. Burrage, West
Newton.
Strawberries for boys—Mrs. R. C.
Scudder, Waban.
Clothing—Chas. Davis, Cambridge.
Dickens' Works (15 Vols.)—Mrs.
F. Stone, Boston.
Webster's Dictionary—Theoph. Par-
sons, Boston.

July.

Magazines—Mr. Lawrence.
Clothing—Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chest-
nut Hill.
Salmon, ice cream, cake, etc., for
July 4th—G. W. Armstrong,
Boston.
Ten cents to each boy—Miss M.
Murdock, Cambridge.
Four pigeons—E. Newton Thayer,
Holbrook.
Lettuce for boys—Mr. Strong, Au-
burndale.

August.

Five dollars—S. S. Congregational
Church, Auburndale.

October.

Three bound volumes London
Graphic—Francis Blake, Weston.

November.

Magic lantern and books—Mrs.
Rollins, Newtonville.
Clothing—Mrs. E. Newton Thayer,
Holbrook.
Five dollars for a foot ball—Theoph.
Parsons, Boston.

For Thanksgiving Day.

Five dollars—H. A. Lamb, Boston.
Ten dollars—Mrs. R. C. Scudder,
Boston.
Turkey—Dea. R. W. Kendall, West
Newton.
Turkey—A. Graves, West Newton.
Oysters—W. E. Glover, West
Newton.

Half dollar—Jennison Express, West
Newton.

Cranberries—Cobb, Bates & Yerxa,
Boston.

December.—For Christmas.

Five dollars—Mrs. D. D. Slade,
Chestnut Hill.

\$3.05 divided among the boys—Mrs.
D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill.

One dollar divided among the boys
—Miss Barnard, Boston.

December—continued.

Five dollars — Miss Helen Paine, Boston.
 Twenty-five dollars—Mrs. Hemenway, Boston.
 Beef for Christmas dinner—F. M. Dutch, West Newton.
 Candy for Christmas—H. E. Woodbury, West Newton.
 Pop corn—Geo. H. Frost, West Newton.
 Gift for each boy—S. S. First Congregational Church, Newton Centre.
 Cards—Mrs. Wm. Claflin, Newtonville.
 Christmas tree—Mrs. Seth Davis, West Newton.
 Framed picture—Mrs. C. W. Loring, Boston.
 Fancy cake—A. Munster, Waltham.
 Book, Prize for care of teeth—Mrs. C. W. Loring, Boston.

January, 1889.

Book—Dr. C. E. A. Ross, West Newton.
 Clothing—Mrs. Sweet, Auburndale.
 Papers—Mrs. E. T. Eldridge, Newtonville.
 Shirts—Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill.
 Sheets—First Cong. Church, Boston.
 Shirts—Benevolent Society, First Unitarian Church, Dedham.

February.

Mugs—First Cong. Church, Newton Centre.
 Books—Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Cambridge.
 Candy—C. H. Stacy, West Newton.

Clothing—Mrs. Childs, West Newton.
 Books and papers — Mrs. Geo. Atherton, Brookline.

March.

Pieces cotton cloth—Theoph. Parsons, Boston.
 Four pieces cottonade—Dea. R. W. Kendall, West Newton.
 Gloves—Miss Delia T. Smith, Auburndale.

April.

Unique set jack straws, 74 pieces—made and presented by Prof. Edwin Pierce, West Newton.

May.

Newton Graphic for the year—Publishers, Newton.
 Clothing—Mrs. G. Harwood, Newton.
 Clothing—Mrs. R. R. Bishop, Newton Centre.
 Ice cream — E. T. Wetherbee, Newton Lower Falls.
 Cake—Mrs. Geo. Spring, Newton Lower Falls.
 Strawberry plants — S. A. Piper, Newton Upper Falls.
 Games and papers—Mrs. E. Porter, Newton Centre.
 Tomato plants—Geo. D. Dix, West Newton.
 Clothing—Mrs. Cabot, Brookline.
 Clothing—Mrs. Davidson, Waban.
 Flower seeds — Parker & Wood, Boston.
 Maple syrup—H. A. Lamb, Boston.
 Scribner's Magazine—H. S. Grew, Boston.
 Flower seeds—Miss Helen Paine, Boston.

FOXBOROUGH REPORT.

“Rock Lawn Farm” at Foxborough now contains twenty-five boys, but the increased number has not destroyed its chief and most valued characteristic—the true home life—in which the boys have the atmosphere best suited to develop and sweeten their lives, while the gentleness of their training is combined with rare firmness. We realize and value more and more the unusual qualities which fit Mr. and Mrs. Morse for this difficult work.

Seventeen new boys have been received during the year, and fifteen sent out to places. Seven boys have been returned—often because the farmers are unable to maintain a sufficient discipline over them, for few will take the trouble to train them. Two of the boys returned are still at the Home. Five have found new places, and are doing well.

Mr. Morse continues in constant communication with those who have left him, and has written sixty-four letters to them in their new homes, where they have given satisfaction.

During the year Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Shaw have made thirty suits of clothes and seventy little trousers for the boys, also all their shirts, blouses, and underwaists. All the cloth has been given by friends of the Society in Foxborough and elsewhere. Dr. Lemuel Dickerman continues kindly to give his services to the home, when needed.

More land on the farm is under cultivation this year, and the boys—even the smaller ones—find plenty of employment. They show great interest and pride in the crops, and each has his own especial garden.

Mrs. Morse has returned to the charge of the school, where, under her enthusiastic and sympathetic teaching, the boys evince an extraordinary degree of interest, and there is rarely a bored or wandering expression on their little faces.

DONATIONS TO THE FOXBOROUGH HOME

From June 1, 1888, to June 1, 1889.

Miss Anna P. Jackson, for 4th of July, \$5.	Miss A. L. Rotch, picture for school-room.
Mr. H. A. Lamb, box of fireworks.	Mrs. Emmons Hartshorn, clothing.
Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, clothing.	Mrs. Edwin Gray, clothing.
Mr. Chas. W. Hodges, papers for boys.	Foxborough Committee, for Thanksgiving, \$10.
Mrs. Virgil Pond, 1 bag of apples.	Mr. H. A. Lamb, for Thanksgiving, \$5.
Mrs. Edwin Gray, 2 bags of apples.	Mr. H. A. Lamb, bundle of papers.
Mrs. W. C. Loring, St. Nicholas.	Mrs. Virgil Pond, 1 bag of apples.
Mrs. Virgil Pond, 3 bags of apples.	Mrs. M. Johnson, a trunk of clothing.
Mrs. Polly Hartshorn, thread.	Mrs. W. E. Horton, clothing.
Mr. Emmons Hartshorn, clothing.	Mrs. Wm. C. Loring, picture for school-room.
Mrs. Clifford Folger, clothing.	Miss Lucy Chickering, barrel of apples.
A friend, collars and neckties—school books.	Miss A. P. Jackson, for slates, \$5.
Mrs. George Leavit, books and papers.	Mrs. Edwin Gray, 1 barrel of apples.
A lady in Wisconsin, books and cards.	

Mr. H. A. Lamb, large box of cloth samples.

Miss A. L. Rotch, writing books.

Miss A. L. Rotch, school books.

Miss A. P. Jackson, 1 doz. spellers.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, cloth for boys' suits.

Mr. Edwin Gray, 2 barrels apples.

Mr. T. Parsons, for Home, \$5.

Mr. H. D. Chapin, clothing.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, paper.

Mrs. Wm. C. Loring, papers.

A friend, Youth's Companion.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, Harper's Weekly.

Mrs. Kate French, \$5.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, bat and ball.

Mr. H. A. Lamb, pail of maple sugar.

WESTON REPORT.

At the time of the publication of the last annual report, the Home in Weston had been in existence but a few months. The work was entirely new to Mr. and Mrs. Ripley, and many experiments had to be tried, many failures made, before just the right and satisfactory road was found. But with never-failing love and patience Mr. and Mrs. Ripley have persevered, and now the Home is all that could be desired. For their faithful and efficient care and devotion, for their tireless sympathy and interest in each boy's troubles and joys, for the generous love watching over them day and night, we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude.

The suggestion made in the last report that Mrs. Ripley should take the school has been carried out, and the boys are doing most excellent work.

The repairs and alterations agreed upon between Mr. Ripley and the Society have been made. The roof was raised, making of the attic a large airy dormitory holding eighteen beds, and a closet for clothing and bed-linen. A partition was taken down between the former kitchen and another room downstairs and a large dining-room made, leaving the former dining-room free for use as a school-room. A room beyond the new dining-room has been fitted up as the kitchen, and a small room over the dining-room has been made into a bath-room. Mr. Ripley made at his own expense a laundry in the cellar. Owing to the kindness of the School Committee of Weston, nine double desks have been loaned to the Home.

Since the Home was started, March 12th, 1888, twenty-eight boys have been sheltered there. In this last year nine boys have been placed in homes, two have been given up to their relatives, and there are now fourteen boys in the Home. Mrs. Ripley hears from all of her boys who have gone away, and does not ever seem to lose her hold on them.

There has been some sickness in the Home, including one case of tonsilitis, and some small accidents, all of which were skilfully treated by the town physician, Dr. F. W. Jackson, whose services the Committee most gratefully acknowledge.

The Unitarian Church provides free seats for all the boys, and they are warmly welcomed in the Sunday School. There is an increasing interest in our Home, both in Weston and among generous friends outside, and we acknowledge most gratefully the following donations :

Benevolent Society of Weston, 36 pillow-cases, 30 night gowns.

Mrs. E. H. Sears, books and games.

Boston Sewing Circle, through Miss Loring, 30 boys' white shirts, 22 boys' night shirts, 12 pillow-cases, 6 sheets.

Miss Hall, \$20.00.

From Waltham, 2 suits men's clothes.

Mrs. Chandler Robbins, 1 overcoat.

Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, 12 straw hats.

Miss Washburn, 17 books.

Channing Society of Weston, 12 new pairs of trowsers, 22 night gowns, 12 pillow-cases, 9 cheviot

blouses, 9 flannel blouses, 10 shirt waists, 16 pairs new stockings, 11 pairs woollen stocking, 24 new undervests, 40 handkerchiefs (30 new), 1 suit man's clothes, 2 bosom shirts, 9 hats, 12 pairs partly worn boots, 1 flannel dressing gown, 1 boy's waterproof coat.

Miss Blodgett, at Christmas, 10 games, 6 books.

Mrs. Robert Winsor, at Christmas, 15 cravats.

Mrs. Robert Winsor, at Thanksgiving, nuts and raisins.

Mrs. Loring, 1 picture.

VISITOR'S REPORT.

One of the encouraging features of the year's work is the increase in the number of graduates who prefer to stay in the country. Out of fourteen graduates but four are in the city, while one year ago but four remained in the country out of twelve graduates. Five of these boys chose to remain in the places secured by the Society, while the rest have been hired by other farmers. They often think they want to make a change, but find the attachment for their adopted home is

too strong to be easily severed. One boy had fully decided to leave his place for another which had been secured for him, but when it came to saying good bye, he decided to stay on another year. Another went away thinking he could do better elsewhere, but returned after a short time, offering to work for his board if only allowed to remain. Five of the boys who are under sixteen are receiving wages, four on farms and one as a coachman. Mechanics are found to be opposed to taking any boy under seventeen or eighteen years of age, as the disagreeable work is always given the boy, and it is often much harder than any work given him on a farm.

During the year twenty-one boys have been placed in free homes, three of them from boarding places. Five have been placed in permanent homes where board is to be paid a part of the time. Two have been placed in boarding places, making twenty-eight placed for the first time. Six out of eight boys who have been returned to the Homes have again been placed. One ran away from his place, and is now at Deer Island, one was again returned to the Home, the remaining four are doing very well. Sixteen boys have been changed from one place to another, some of them two and three times. In most instances the boy has proved unsatisfactory, but three of the places were found unsuitable, and one family left their farm.

Thirteen boys left their places without permission, two have not been recovered, one is in his third place, and one is being boarded until a suitable place can be found for him. After repeated attempts to place the others where they would stay, they have been allowed to remain with their relatives who pronounce them greatly improved. Three of the older boys who were sent away from their places because unsatisfactory, have been returned to their friends. This leaves sixty-eight boys under sixteen in places in the country. One hundred and twelve places have been investigated. About one hundred and eighty visits have been made, and the boys are doing quite as well as one year ago.

There has been but one serious case of illness. One of the boarding boys was very ill for a short time.

The boy who was placed with the Canterbury Shakers one year ago, made such decided improvement under their care, and was so contented, that three more have been placed there. One of these was soon returned as incapable of retaining good impressions. The same boy now writes from a farm in New Hampshire, where he has been placed, that he likes his place and the people get on very well with him. The school at the Shaker Village is far above the average of country schools. Many of the boys are under a great disadvantage in that respect, and it is often hard to feel that other advantages can atone for the lack of good schools. It seems desirable that this deficiency should be supplied so far as possible by providing good reading matter for the boys.

Several friends have contributed magazines and papers, which have been distributed where most needed. More juvenile publications could be used to advantage, and it is hoped that others may follow the example of Master Henry Howe of Brookline, who, after reading his magazines and *Youth's Companion*, mails them to three of the boys in the country, who after reading them pass them on to still others.

The boys keep up an interest not only in starting a bank account, and so securing the \$2.50 still offered them, but in adding to the amount each year.

At Christmas each boy was remembered through the kindness of several friends. These gifts are an incentive to a boy to do well, as he sees that the people who do so much for the boys in the Homes, feel the same interest in him now that he is away.

A continuation of half rates on the Boston and Albany and Boston and Maine Railroads has been granted. The Old Colony road also allows reduced rates over its lines.

M. J. WASHBURN.

JUNE 1, 1889.

BOYS IN HOMES, JUNE 1, 1889.

BOYS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Atwood, Frank A., Bolton.
 Botts, James, Brimfield.
 Campbell, Arthur, West Townsend.
 Campbell, Joseph, Medfield.
 Cooper, Albert, Dover.
 Currant, Wilfred, Leominster.
 Donovan, Timothy, Barre.
 Drew, Herbert, Taunton.
 Grieve, Robert, Fitchburg.
 Johnson, James, Petersham.
 Lord, Harry P., Haverhill.

Parsons, John, Newton.
 Phillips, John, South Sudbury.
 Rumford, Timothy, Amesbury.
 Bobbinson, Charles, Weston.
 Schultz, Richard, Mansfield.
 Snyder, John, Warren.
 Thorp, Herbert, Marlboro.
 Walker, Thomas, Bolton.
 Ward, William, Athol.
 Wetherby, Charles, West Newton.

BOYS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Alexander, Arthur, Loudon.
 Barnes, John, Henniker.
 Barnes, William, Henniker.
 Benson, Charles, Strafford Corner.
 Bowden, Fred., Hillsboro.
 Bronston, Joseph, Hollis.
 Carossi, Joseph, Loudon.
 Carboni, Antonio, Loudon.
 Clark, Byron, Shaker Village.
 Conley, Charles, Henniker.
 Cooper, August, Concord.
 Crowley, Joseph, New Ipswich.
 Damyon, James, Loudon.
 Day, George, Hillsboro.
 Delano, Frank, Loudon.
 Fortune, Gray O., Loudon.
 Francis, Frank, Hillsboro.
 Garfoli, Joseph, Bradford.
 Gibson, Charles, Webster.
 Jones, Waldron, Shaker Village.
 Knight, William, Henniker.
 Lewis, William, Loudon.

Lundeen, Henry, Webster.
 McCormick, John, Loudon.
 McGanagle, Bernard, South Weare.
 McKenna, George, Exeter.
 McLoid, James, Hollis.
 McNally, Frank, Henniker.
 Middleton, William, East Concord.
 Myers, Albert, Henniker.
 Norman, Charles, Webster.
 Oderkirk, Edward, Milford.
 Plock, Dennis, Pittsfield.
 Quinlan, Cornelius, Durham.
 Regan, Francis, Greenfield.
 Sleeper, Eddie, Seabrook.
 Smith, James, Auburn.
 Splain, William, Oil Mills.
 Starks, George, Shaker Village.
 Stephens, John, Sharon.
 Suttan, Percy, Contoocook.
 Taylor, James, Strafford Corner.
 Wilkins, Daniel, Mast Yard.
 Wright, Louie, Loudon.

BOYS IN MAINE.

Berry, Bartholomew, Anson.
 Curry, Frank, Minot.

Wheeler, Edward, North Fayette.

BOYS BOARDING.

Chipman, Harry, Harvard, Mass.
 Chandler, Willie, Pratt's Junc., Mass.
 Gerard, August, So. Sudbury, Mass.
 Percival, James, Hollis, N. H.
 Schelley, John, Harvard, Mass.

Rosch, August, N. Lyndeboro, N. H.
 Wilcomb, Everett, No. Lyndeboro,
 N. H.
 Broty, Eddie, Leominster, Mass.

*Dr.*EDWARD JACKSON, Treasurer, *in account*

June 1, 1888.

To balance on hand per account this date,

with B. F. Moore \$16 51

" Miss E. G. Parker 252 29

\$268 80

Less amount expended since June 1, 1888, but

charged in previous account 185 40

\$83 40

Annual subscriptions 2,675 00

Donations 8,166 36

" from boys at Foxborough 60 00

" for enlarging school-house at Pine
Farm 275 00

" for girls 200 00

" for Probation officer 2,000 00

" for Bureau of Information 2,845 00

" for repairs at Weston 50 00

Income from invested funds 2,199 47

" from Shaw Fund for girls 270 00

Received from parents, other relatives, and guar-

dians, for board of boys at Pine Farm \$617 35

do. at Foxborough 314 50

do. at Weston 277 50

do. sent from above Homes to board in
families 98 75

\$1,308 10

Received for farm produce sold at Pine Farm . . \$539 78

" for boys' labor there 17 00

556 78

Received for Republican Valley bond called in

and paid at par 1,000 00

\$21,689 11

Examined and found correct.

THEOPH. PARSONS, Auditor.

with BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Cr.

June 1, 1889.

By Rocklawn Farm, Foxborough. Boys' board . .	\$2,085 93	
Paid for clothing, travelling expenses and stationery	51 79	
Paid for Christmas	15 00	
" Salaries	900 00	
		\$3,052 72
Weston Home. Boys' board	1,343 32	
Paid for clothing and supplies	264 70	
" Salaries	780 00	
" Christmas	12 00	
" Furniture	62 50	
" Addition to house	602 29	
		3,064 81
Pine Farm. Salaries	\$2,255 69	
Provisions	1,276 61	
Clothing	227 74	
Farm	707 74	
Fuel	311 10	
Repairs	354 51	
Sundries	357 89	
Christmas	25 00	
Enlarging school-room	275 00	
		5,791 28
Board of boys sent from above Homes to board in families	\$1,191 78	
do. clothing	98 30	
		1,290 08
Board, clothing, travel and sundries of children assisted by Bureau of Information		775 00
Boston office: Salaries, travel, heat and light, care of office, stationery, postage, printing, office furniture and sundries, including Bureau of Information and probation work		4,808 10
Board of girls, clothing and travelling expenses		1,197 16
Treasurer's expenses, safe rent and accountant .		45 00
Report, printing, etc		148 50
Collection expenses, advertising and postage . .		212 40
Miss Washburn's salary and expenses of visiting		737 42
Balance of cash, with Treasurer	459 36	
" Assistant Treasurer	41 71	
" B. F. Moore	65 57	
		566 64
		\$21,689 11

BOSTON, June 1, 1889.

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Allen & Lane	\$10 00	Lawrence, Mrs. A. A. . . .	\$50 00
Ames, Mrs. J. B.	20 00	Lee, George C.	25 00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25 00	Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10 00
Atkinson, George	10 00	Loring, W. C.	25 00
Barnard, Miss M. W. . . .	5 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	25 00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	3 00	Lowell, Miss G.	25 00
Beal, Thomas P.	5 00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	25 00
Billings, C. E.	50 00	Lowell, Hon. John	10 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Lyman, Theodore	25 00
Bowditch, Miss Charlotte.	5 00	Lyman, Theodore	25 00
Bowditch, J. I.	30 00	Matchett, W. F.	10 00
Bowditch, N. I.	50 00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F. . . .	10 00
Brewer, Cyrus	25 00	Merriam, Charles	10 00
Brimmer, M.	25 00	Merriam, Mrs. Charles . . .	10 00
Brooks, Mrs. Francis . . .	5 00	Minot, William	5 00
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd . .	50 00	Minot, Dr. F.	5 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20 00	Morse, Mrs. S. F.	25 00
Buck, Mrs. D.	5 00	Murdock, Miss Maria . . .	10 00
Bullard, W. S.	20 00	Paine, The Misses	25 00
Burnham, John A.	10 00	Paine, R. T.	75 00
Cabot, A. T.	20 00	Parker, Miss E. G.	10 00
Cabot, J. E.	15 00	Parkman, Miss E. S.	5 00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	15 00	Pickman, Mrs. W. D. . . .	20 00
Cary, Miss A. P.	10 00	Pierce, Miss E. D.	5 00
Chase, William L.	5 00	Quincy, Miss Abby P. . . .	5 00
Chase, Mrs. William L. . .	5 00	Quincy, George H.	10 00
Clapp, Mrs.	10 00	Read, Miss Sarah E.	20 00
Cowing, W. H.	5 00	Read, Miss Sarah E.	10 00
Cowing, Mrs. W. H.	5 00	Rotch, Miss A. L.	100 00
Cunningham, Mrs. F. . . .	10 00	Saltonstall, Henry	100 00
Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25 00
Dexter, F. Gordon	5 00	Sargent, Mrs. Turner	5 00
Dorr, Miss Susan E.	10 00	Scudder, Mrs. M. S.	5 00
Endicott, Miss C. T. . . .	10 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00
Endicott, William, Jr. . . .	100 00	Shaw, Francis	10 00
Everett, Dr. William . . .	10 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	20 00
Fay, Miss S. B.	20 00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche . .	10 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	25 00	Shimmin, C. F.	10 00
Flagg, Augustus	10 00	Stackpole, S. M.	5 00
Goddard, George A.	25 00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H. . . .	5 00
Gray, Mrs. Asa	10 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	10 00
Greene, Charles G.	10 00	Tappan, Miss M. A.	50 00
Greene, Mrs. J. S. C. . . .	5 00	Thayer, Mrs.	100 00
Greenough, C. P.	2 00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5 00
Grew, H. S.	50 00	Tolman, James P.	25 00
Hemenway, Mrs.	100 00	Wales, Miss M. A.	200 00
Hooper, E. W.	50 00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25 00
Hubbard, C. E.	5 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	15 00
Hubbard, C. T.	50 00	Wheelwright, Mrs. A. C. . .	5 00
Hubbard, C. W.	50 00	Whitney, Edward	20 00
Hubbard, James M.	5 00	Wigglesworth, Miss	50 00
Hunnewell, F. W.	25 00	Wigglesworth, T.	20 00
Hunnewell, Mrs. H.	5 00	Winthrop, R. C.	5 00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	25 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C. . . .	5 00
Jackson, Mrs. C.	25 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Jackson, Miss E.	10 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Jackson, Edward	50 00	Wyman, Morrill, Jr.	10 00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25 00	Young, Miss	5 00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25 00
Lamb, H. A.	50 00		

\$2,675 00

DONATIONS.

A. B.	\$50 00	Clogher, R. A.	\$5 00
A. H. M.	5 00	Colby, Mrs. H. C.	5 00
Allen, Miss A. S.	5 00	Collamore, The Misses . . .	10 00
Allen, Thomas	10 00	Converse, J. C.	5 00
Ames, F. L.	50 00	Coolidge, D. H.	20 00
Amory, Miss Alice	5 00	Coolidge, Miss Grace . . .	5 00
Amory, Harcourt	10 00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr. . .	10 00
Appleton, Mrs. W.	25 00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., 3rd . .	20 00
A. P. S.	10 00	Crafts, Mrs. James	20 00
Bacon, Mrs. F. E.	10 00	C. T. H., In memory of . . .	25 00
Barnard, Mrs. G. M.	100 00	Curtis, Louis	10 00
Bassett, H. F.	10 00	Cash at Pine Farm	5 00
Battelle, Eugene	5 00	Dana, Mrs. R. H.	5 00
Beebe, J. Arthur	20 00	Derby, Mrs. G. H.	5 00
Bigelow, Mrs. H.	10 00	Dole, Charles F.	5 00
Blake, Arthur W.	50 00	Eaton, Mrs. W. S.	20 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Eldredge, Mrs. E. T.	100 00
Blake, Mrs. S. P.	5 00	Eliot, Mrs. S.	5 00
Bond, E. P.	10 00	Eliot Church, Newton . . .	5 00
Bowditch, W. I.	5 00	Evans, Mrs. Glendower . . .	10 00
Boys at Foxboro, their		E. W. P.	50 00
earnings	60 00	Extra	5 00
Bradlee, Miss H. C.	1,500 00	Fay, J. S.	25 00
Bradlee, Josiah	5 00	Fay, Mrs. R. S.	10 00
Bremer, John L.	50 00	Fiske, Mrs. A.	10 00
Brewer, E. M.	25 00	FitzGerald, M. Desmond . .	2 00
Brimmer, M.	50 00	Forbes, Mrs. W. H.	50 00
Brooks, Shepherd	100 00	Friend, A	20 00
Brown, Emily H.	5 00	Friend, A	25 00
Bullard, Mrs. S. H.	10 00	Friend, A	20 00
Burnham, Mrs. J. A.	25 00	Friend in Cambridge, A . . .	100 00
Burnham, W. A.	10 00	Friend, A	2 00
Burr, C. C.	20 00	Friends, Two	25 00
Cabot, J. H.	20 00	Friend, A	500 00
Cary, Miss G. S.	5 00	Friend, A	25 00
Cary, Mrs. R. C.	5 00	Friend, A	10 00
Cary, Mrs. William F.	25 00	Friend, A, Newton High-	
Cash	20 00	lands	1 00
"	1 00	Frye, Mrs. Charles	25 00
"	1 00	Glover, J. B.	50 00
"	1 00	Gray, Miss E. C.	50 00
"	5 00	Gray, Mrs. H.	25 00
"	5 00	Gray, Miss Harriet	50 00
"	1 00	Gray, Miss M. C.	5 00
"	5 00	Greenleaf, Mrs. R. C.	25 00
"	1 00	Greenough, W. W.	5 00
"	2 00	Grover, W. O.	50 00
"	2 00	Hale, George S.	10 00
"	25 00	Hale, George S., through.	1 00
C. H.	2 00	Hemenway, Mrs., Christmas	50 00
Chadwick, Mrs. C. C.	10 00	Hemenway, Mrs. A., Jr. . .	10 00
Chase, Charles G.	20 00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P. . . .	10 00
Child, through Miss Tap-		Higginson, Waldo	10 00
pan	35	Higginson, Waldo (Fox-	
Clarke, Mrs. E. C.	10 00	boro)	10 00
Clarke, Rev. J. F., Est. of	200 00	Hodges, R. M.	5 00

Holbrook & Fox	\$20 00	Pratt, E. E.	\$10 00
Holmes, O. W.	10 00	Putnam, Mrs. M., Lowell .	10 00
Hooper, Mrs. R. C.	5 00	Reed, Mrs. B. T.	10 00
Howard, A. P.	5 00	Richardson, Mrs. T. O. . .	10 00
Howes, Miss E. S.	20 00	Robeson, Mrs. A.	5 00
Howland, Mrs. G. C.	25 00	Robeson, Mrs. W. R.	15 00
Hubbard, C. E.	10 00	Robinson, Mrs. J. C.	25 00
Hubbard, Mrs. C. T.	500 00	Rodman, S. W.	10 00
Hunnewell, H. H.	25 00	Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	25 00
Hunnewell, Walter	25 00	Rogers, Mrs. William B. .	5 00
Highland Cong. S. School	10 51	Ropes, J. C.	20 00
Jackson, Miss A. P. (fair)	211 50	Rotch, Mrs. B. I.	200 00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S. . . .	25 00	Russell, Miss Marian	25 00
Jewett, Miss S. O.	10 00	Salisbury, E. Waldo	25 00
Joy, C. H.	20 00	Saltonstall, Hon. L.	10 00
Kimball, Mrs. D. P.	25 00	Saltonstall, W. G.	25 00
" " "	75 00	Santa Claus	50 00
" " "	50 00	Schlessinger, B.	20 00
" " "	50 00	Sears, Miss Clara E.	8 00
King's Chapel, Com. on		Sears, Mrs. F. R., Jr.	25 00
Christmas	50 00	Sears, Henry F.	25 00
Kuhn, Mrs. H.	5 00	S. H. S.	20 00
Lamson, William L.	5 00	Simpkins, S. G.	50 00
L. A. V. T.	1 00	Skiuner, Mrs. F.	35 00
Lee, Henry	20 00	Slade, D. D.	5 00
Lincoln, W. H.	10 00	Smith, Anne E.	2 00
Loring, W. C.	200 00	Spencer, A. W.	25 00
Lovering, Mrs. C. T.	10 00	" "	100 00
Lowell, Mrs. E. J.	5 00	Sprague, F. P.	10 00
Lowell, F. C.	5 00	Stearns, Charles H.	10 00
Lowell, Miss G.	5 00	Stevenson, Miss M. C. . . .	5 00
Lowell, Miss Lucy	25 00	Storer, Miss	5 00
Lyman, Miss A.	10 00	Sullivan, Richard	5 00
Lyman, Dr. G. H.	5 00	Tappan, Miss M. A.	100 00
Lyman, Mrs. G. H., Jr. . . .	10 00	Thayer, Bayard	100 00
Mason, Miss Caroline A. . .	5 00	Thorndike, Charles	25 00
Mason, Mrs. H. C.	3 00	Ticknor, Miss	25 00
Mason, Miss I. M.	200 00	Tiffany, Edward	2 00
Mason, W. P.	20 00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	15 00
Mass. Charitable Fire So-		Tolman, Mrs. James	10 00
cietiy	100 00	Upham, Mrs. Henry	10 00
Merriman, Mrs. D.	10 00	Wales, G. W.	5 00
Minot, George R.	50 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10 00
Montgomery, William	10 00	Warren, S. D., estate . . .	100 00
Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. .	6 00	Weld, Mrs. F. M.	10 00
Parish S. S., Dorchester . .	31 00	Whitney, Edward	100 00
Parker, Miss E. G.	10 00	Whitney, George	5 00
Parkinson, Mrs. John	25 00	Whitney, H. M.	100 00
Parsons, Miss G.	10 00	Whittemore, E. M.	5 00
Peabody, F. H.	25 00	Whitwell, Miss S. L.	10 00
Peabody, O. W.	10 00	Wigglesworth, Miss	200 00
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	20 00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. Edw. .	25 00
Peabody, W. A.	2 00	Williams, The Misses	10 00
Perkins, Mrs. C. E.	10 00	Winsor, Mrs. H.	5 00
Phillips, J. C., Jr.	50 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C., Jr. .	10 00
Pickering, Mrs. Henry	100 00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	50 00
Pierce, Wallace L.	2 00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	15 00
Piper, W. H.	25 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25 00
Potter, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. .	10 00		
Potter, Miss Emma J.	5 00		

 \$8,226 36

FOR ENLARGING SCHOOL-HOUSE AT PINE FARM.

Friends, through H. S.		Slade, Mrs. D. D., proceeds	
Grew	\$100 00	Painting Ex., Chestnut	
Friends, through C. W.		Hill	\$108 00
Scudder	42 00		
Parsons, Theoph.	25 00		\$275 00

FOR GIRLS.

Hooper, E. W.	\$50 00	Paine, R. T.	\$25 00
Mason, Miss Ida M. . . .	100 00		
Paine, Misses	25 00		\$200 00

TO BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

Hale, George S.	\$50 00	Parsons, Theophilus . . .	\$100 00
Hubbard, C. W. (for two		Putnam, Dr. C., through .	100 00
years)	400 00	Rogers, Miss A. P. . . .	1,000 00
Jackson, Miss A. P. . . .	50 00	Rotch, Miss A. L.	220 00
Lamb, H. A.	100 00	Scudder, C. W.	50 00
Lamb, H. A., trustee . . .	100 00	Wales, Miss M. A.	300 00
Loring, Mrs. W. C. . . .	150 00	Warren, Mrs. S. D., Jr. .	25 00
Paine, Miss Helen	100 00		
Paine, R. T.	100 00		\$2,845 00

FOR PROBATION WORK FOR TWO YEARS.

Wales, Miss M. A.	\$2,000 00
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FOR CHILDREN IN CARE OF BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

"B. I." of Associated Charities' of Ward VI., \$16.	Jackson, Miss M. C., per Associated Charities of Ward VI., \$54.75.
Bliss, Miss H. M., \$10.	Lamb, H. A., trustee, \$100.
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd, per Associated Charities of Ward VI., \$20.	Morse, Miss F. R., per Associated Charities of Ward VI., \$2.
Cabot, Mrs. J. E., 2 boy's suits, 2 hats.	Scot's Charitable Society, \$15.
Grew, H. S., \$20.	Thatcher, Peter, 60 articles of clothing.

FOR "HOME LIBRARIES."

Beale, Miss J. F., cost of binding one vol. "Young Idea."	Metcalf, H. B., 1 book.
Brown, Mrs. James, \$1.	Northam, Miss Caroline M., 1 book.
Churchill, Miss E. T., through, \$15.	Paine, Miss Helen, 12 Nos. "Our Little Men and Women."
Dana, Mrs. E. A., \$1.	Shimmin, Miss Blanche, \$4.05.
Dates, Miss Bertha, 106 Nos.	Shimmin, C. F., \$4.
"Youth's Companion," 100 Nos.	Staigg, Mrs. R. M., \$1.
"Our Youth."	Tappan, Miss M. A., 6 books.
Fitz, Mrs. W. S., \$2.	Thomas, Mrs. E. I., 2 books, 75 leaflets.
Fleming, Mrs. Maude, 44 Nos.	Warren, Samuel D., 52 magazines.
"Youth's Companion."	Wells, Mrs. E. S., \$2.
Fowler, W. P., \$2.	"Young Idea," Editors of, 3 copies for one year.
Grew, Mrs. H. S., 10 books.	"Youth's Companion," Publishers of, 1 copy for one year.
Guild, Mrs. C. H., \$2.	Vorse, A. W., through, \$15.
Hooper, Misses Ellen S., Louisa C., Mabel, Fanny, and Mary, 2 books.	
Lamson, Mrs. J. F., 1 book.	

FOR MISCELLANEOUS CHARITY IN BOSTON.

Anonymous, 1 pr. mittens.	\$10 for Christmas, \$5 for office furniture.
Brigham, Miss A. A., pictures and cambric for scrap-books.	Hubbard, C. W., \$5 for Christmas, \$5 for office furniture.
Friend, \$5.	Loring, Mrs. W. C., \$10 for Christmas.
Flower Mission, So. Sudbury, through Mrs. N. B. Hunt, Supt., 3 boxes flowers.	Tappan, Miss M. A., \$5 for office furniture.
Grew, H. S., boy's printing outfit,	

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FROM ACT OF INCORPORATION.

1865.

SECTION 1. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable, to rescue them from moral ruin.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in the year 1865, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the uses of said corporation.

OFFICERS FOR 1890-91.

President.
GEORGE S. HALE.

Vice-Presidents.
HENRY S. GREW. ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

Treasurer: EDWARD JACKSON, 146 Franklin St., Boston.

Clerk.	Assistant Treasurer.	Auditor.
WILLIAM H. WHITE.	MISS ELLEN G. PARKER.	THEOPHILUS PARSONS.

Directors.		
CHARLES W. SCUDDER.	MRS. H. A. LAMB.	MISS ELLEN G. PARKER.
ROBERT TREAT PAINE.	MRS. G. M. BARNARD.	MRS. J. T. COOLIDGE, 2d.
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MISS HELEN PAINE.	CHARLES W. HUBBARD.	HENRY E. COBB.
MRS. WM. C. LORING.	MRS. H. J. PATRICK.	WILLIAM H. WHITE.
MRS. WM. CLAFLIN.	MRS. D. D. SLADE.	HERBERT NASH.
EDWARD JACKSON.		

Executive Committee.		
CHARLES W. SCUDDER.	MISS HELEN PAINE.	MRS. WM. C. LORING.
ROBERT TREAT PAINE.	MRS. G. M. BARNARD.	MRS. D. D. SLADE.
CHARLES W. HUBBARD.	MRS. H. A. LAMB.	H. A. LAMB.
	THEOPHILUS PARSONS.	

Finance Committee.	
THEOPHILUS PARSONS.	ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

Committee on Admission and to confer with General Secretary.	
H. A. LAMB.	CHARLES W. SCUDDER. HENRY G. PICKERING.

Committee on Bureau of Information and Placing-Out Agency.	
MISS ANNETTE P. ROGERS.	MISS ELLEN G. PARKER. MRS. WM. C. LORING.
MISS ANNA P. JACKSON.	MRS. J. T. COOLIDGE, 2d.

Pine Farm Committee.	
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Rock Lawn Farm, Foxboro, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES N. MORSE.
Weston Home, Weston, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK B. RIPLEY.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF METHODS.

1. **A Bureau of Information.**—The case of any needy child may be reported at the office for investigation, advice, appropriate reference to other agencies, or special help.

2. **A Placing-Out Agency.**—*Boarding and free homes in private families* are provided for exposed, destitute or homeless children, and the interests of the children guarded by constant supervision. When board is paid, relatives contribute according to their ability. The Society places approved homes at the disposal of other societies, boards of overseers of the poor, and private individuals, and performs, if desired, the service of supervision of the children placed in them.

3. **The Training of Wayward Children.**—The Society takes charge of children who are *truant, wayward, dishonest, in danger of arrest, or under criminal prosecution, and saves them from commitment to the Juvenile Reformatory Institutions on Deer Island.* The girls, who must, as a rule, be under fourteen years of age, are placed in good private homes; board is paid by the Society, if necessary; and supervision is maintained by correspondence and visiting. Regularly the boys must be not over thirteen years of age, but exceptions are made. Thirty boys are received at "Pine Farm," West Newton, twenty-five at "Rock Lawn Farm," Foxboro, and seventeen at the "Weston Home." Weston, where the life resembles as far as possible that of a family, and the boys are taught farming, indoor work, and common school studies. When fitted, the boys are placed in good families, chiefly on farms, where the work of moral improvement goes on under the supervision of the Society, and amid the healthful influences of home life: and a friendly interest is continued after their final return to the city.

4. **A Probation Agency.**—An agent of the Society attends the municipal criminal court daily, serves as bondsman for juveniles who are placed upon probation, visits them in their homes, and by personal influence and guidance seeks to rescue them from the evil careers toward which they are tending.

5. **"Home Libraries"** are established in the homes of poor and morally exposed children. Ten children in the same neighborhood draw books and periodicals from a library placed in the home of one of their own number who serves as librarian. A set of books and papers, when read, is exchanged for a fresh supply. Forty libraries are now in use. For each library there is a volunteer visitor, who, as a friend of the children, meets them at the regular weekly exchange of books, encourages intelligent reading, teaches home amusements, urges penny savings, and in these and other ways seeks the improvement of the children and their home life.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

The simple and yet broad basis for the work of this Society,—a readiness to investigate and advise and, if necessary, help in the case of any needy child,—may now be avowed more openly and fearlessly than heretofore. During the past five years the Society has been moving steadily toward this position. With this breadth of purpose the constant aim is to combine naturalness of method. We do not say that we will do one thing and not another, but we stand ready to learn the need, and, whatever it may be, to try either to see that others supply it or to supply it ourselves. It does not follow that every needy child will come to us, but that any such child may: so that while other agencies continue to perform their chosen tasks, and meet as far as they may the wants of specific classes of children, no case need miss the assistance that might be given, because unable to find its way to the appropriate source of help, nor need any that should be aided fall unrelieved into the gaps that exist between the various agencies. We may now venture to say aloud to the community that any needy child may find in or through the Children's Aid Society whatever kind or measure of relief or protection the community is ready to afford.

THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

From thirty to fifty new cases, involving the interests of half as many more children, are now reported to us every month. The Bureau of Information investigates the facts, and considers the problems presented. In a certain proportion of cases information or advice only needs to be given. Sometimes a mere suggestion, or the mapping-out of a plan of action that has not occurred to people who have become distracted by misfortunes, or who have been doing their best, but whose best has not been very good, prevents the necessity of any further help, and keeps burdens upon the shoulders that should naturally bear them.

Another chief division into which the work of the Bureau of Information falls is the reference of cases to other appropriate agencies. Certain societies and individuals learn through us of children whom they may assist,—children who without this guidance might have found no help, or might have received from other sources assistance of a less desirable or even, in our judgment, distinctly unwise kind.

Other cases are referred to the following departments of our own work, or receive directly through the Bureau of Information whatever other special help investigation proves to be necessary.

THE PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

A common need in the cases that come to us is that of homes for homeless, destitute or exposed children. Is it not clear that the natural thing to do for these children is to place them in private families, that is, in *homes*? It is hard to see how any one can doubt for an instant that any other provision for a homeless child falls short of the ideal. With painstaking, vigorous preliminary investigation of homes, fearless rejection of the undesirable or doubtful, judicious fitting of children to places, abundant supervision, and hearty coöperation with the families, the family system is in our judgment by far the best, as it is beyond question the only natural method of providing for unprotected, homeless children. It is cause for congratulation that this view is receiving constantly increasing recognition both abroad and in our own country. Our belief in this method has led gradually to the organization of a Placing-out Agency, the purpose of which is to send such children directly, without even a temporary detention in an institution, from suffering, exposure and homelessness to the plenty, the protection, the welcome and the sympathy of good people in good homes.

Of the class now under consideration, including children of all ages, the Placing-Out Agency, now to be distinguished from the Bureau of Information, of which heretofore it has been considered a part, has had in its care during the year in private families, at board or free of charge, thirty-six girls and ninety-seven boys, a total of one hundred and thirty-three children.

Of this number thirty-three were in homes at the beginning of the year, and one hundred have been sent to homes during the year.

Two boys have been transferred to Pine Farm and two to Rock-Lawn Farm for needed training; one boy has been sent to the Concord Reformatory; one girl has been returned to the Commissioners of Public Institutions for the City of Boston; two boys have been transferred to the Hillside Home; two boys have returned to the city to work; five children have been placed in the care of relatives or friends who guaranteed continued support in private families under their supervision; forty-eight have been returned to parents or other relatives; and three very young children have died. These make a total of sixty-six. There remain today, therefore, in private families under our oversight sixty-seven children.

Of the one hundred and thirty-three children in families during the year one hundred and eight have been boarded, and twenty-five have been cared for free of charge; and seven of the former have been transferred from boarding homes to free homes, or have been taken free of charge by families with whom at first they were boarded. Of the sixty-seven remaining in families subject to our supervision twenty-three are in free homes and forty-four are being boarded.

The total cost of board and clothing for the one hundred and eight children boarded in families for longer or shorter periods has been \$3,594.31. Of this amount parents and other relatives have paid \$1,597.97; benevolent individuals, \$219.39; Overseers of the Poor, charitable societies, and special funds, \$241.57; and the Placing-Out Agency the remainder, \$1,535.38. We may count upon being reimbursed still further by parents and other relatives to the extent of at least \$250. In round numbers, therefore, aside from the expense incident to finding, investigating and supervising the homes, the Society, by means of its contribution of \$1,300, has controlled,—to a large extent even created,—and directed to the highest use a total sum of \$3,600.

The foregoing enumeration does not include nine children, five boys and four girls, in whose behalf suitable boarding

homes were placed at the service of trustworthy relatives or friends, who paid their entire expenses directly instead of through us, and held themselves responsible for all necessary supervision. Seven of this number, four boys and three girls, are still being boarded in these families.

Assistance in the prosecution of the work of the Placing-Out Agency is constantly being secured from people in the suburbs and country, but it is desirable that we should obtain from them a much larger measure of such help.

WAYWARD CHILDREN.

Wayward children, also,—children who are confirmed truants from school, or persist in running away from home, or are “stubborn and disobedient,” or have stolen, or in some other way are proving to be unmanageable,—are brought to us by parents, guardians, benevolent people, the agents of charitable societies, truant officers, the police, and officers of the courts.

WAYWARD GIRLS.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

Girls of this class, if not over fourteen years of age, are placed in private families in the care of good women, and visited by a committee of ladies from the board of directors of the Society. This placing of young wayward girls in families where their board is paid until they can become self-supporting, has proved a most successful method of helping these unfortunate children. The Society began this part of its work nearly eleven years ago, so that those who were children then are now fully grown women. Some of them are married happily, and others are earning honest livings, while there are a few whose future is still in doubt. Fourteen girls are now under the immediate care of the committee. For seven of them board is paid, the cost being from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week and clothing; four, who are thirteen and fourteen years of age, are just becoming self-supporting; and the remaining three have supported themselves for some time, but are young, and require constant advice and guidance.

WAYWARD BOYS.

PINE FARM, ROCK LAWN FARM, AND WESTON HOME.

For the first time for several years the three Homes for wayward boys, Pine Farm, Rock Lawn Farm and the Weston Home, with their accommodations for thirty, twenty-five and seventeen boys, respectively, have proved equal to the demand made upon them. Forty-four boys, with two exceptions from eight to fourteen years of age, have been admitted to the Homes during the year,—twenty-one to Pine Farm, fourteen to Rock Lawn Farm, and nine to the Weston Home. There are now twenty-six boys at Pine Farm, twenty-three at Rock Lawn Farm, and sixteen at the Weston Home,—a total of sixty-five. The Society has stood by its resolve of five years ago that no boy should be sent to Deer Island merely for lack of room in our training Homes. Nor with the enlargement of the work necessary to carry out this determination has there been any impairment of method. Each Home,—the original Pine Farm and the newer Rock Lawn Farm and Weston Home,—stands by itself miles distant from the others; and, entirely separate in administration as well as location, receives and seeks to train to a worthy manhood its handful of boys. Here is a “cottage plan” that deserves the name,—a method that we believe to be far better than a group of adjacent houses, and infinitely superior to the abominable “congregate system” on which, strange to say, so many of our juvenile reformatories are still organized.

We have collected from parents and other relatives for the board of boys at Pine Farm the sum of \$558.51, at Rock Lawn Farm \$493.79, and at the Weston Home \$290.50,—a total of \$1,342.80, and \$133.45 more than was obtained from the same source during the preceding year.

BOYS FROM PINE FARM, ROCK LAWN FARM, AND WESTON HOME PLACED IN FAMILIES. SPECIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

In close connection with the three Homes is the work of placing the boys in families as soon as they are ready for such promotion. Unfortunately, owing to the arduous character of the work, the health of the previous visitor failed her, and she

was obliged to resign her position. In consequence, a month ago, on the first of May, this work, previously conducted independently, was made a department of the Placing-Out Agency at the Boston office.

During the year fifteen boys have been placed out from Pine Farm, sixteen from Rock Lawn Farm, and six from the Weston Home,—a total of thirty-seven. Of this number, one boy was sent to a boarding home, and thirty-six boys to free homes. During the year \$765.05 was paid for the board of the boy referred to and other boys previously sent from the three Homes to board in families. There are to-day in families, under the supervision of this department, at board seven boys, free of charge or earning wages ninety-seven, a total of one hundred and four.

On account of the illness of the former visitor, further details of the work previous to the first of May cannot be given. During the month of May the Placing-Out Agency has sent five of the thirty-seven boys already referred to,—three from Pine Farm and two from Rock Lawn Farm,—to families in the country. Three boys, also, have been changed from one family to another, and visits have been made to five boys. Money for deposit in the savings bank has been received during the month from seven boys in amounts varying from seventy-five cents to twelve dollars. One boy from Rock Lawn Farm showed a commendable feeling of responsibility for the effect of his example in his new home. Of his own accord he declared he was going to do his best, “because,” as he said, “if I don’t do well, people up here won’t want any more of Mr. Morse’s boys, and so I shall keep some of the other boys from getting a home,”—and the best part of his resolution is that he is keeping it.

THE “GRADUATES.”

By the transfer to the Boston office of the duties incident to placing the boys from the three Homes in families, a great advantage will follow in the direct contact thus established between this department and the work for the “graduates,” that is, the same boys when upon the expiration of the time

for which they have been surrendered to the Society, as a rule when they are eighteen years of age, they return, as they do usually, although not always, from the country to their own families or relatives in the city. In fact, for the first time in the history of the Society the work for the graduates in the city promises to be what it ought to be. More than a year ago the efforts in their behalf were practically suspended because of the resignation of the young lady who had been their visitor. Although she devoted only a fraction of her time to these duties, the results demonstrated the desirability of such efforts, and we have now secured the services of a young man who began a month ago to give a part of his time to it, and has already made the acquaintance of fifteen graduates. Through his personal work as a kind of elder brother to our graduates, we hope to clinch the results of the earlier efforts in their behalf. After the first of July he will devote his entire time to this work and the probation agency.

THE PROBATION AGENCY.

During the year our probation agent has served as bondsman for twenty-five boys, from ten to seventeen years of age, placed on probation in the courts. The reduction in the volume of work of this kind, mentioned a year ago as resulting from the fact that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul had followed our example, and sent an agent to the courts to serve in this capacity for children of the Catholic faith, has proved to be permanent. At the same time such service for twenty-five boys just when they are in danger of enrollment in the criminal classes is a work of great importance, for it is a service that may be of supreme value to each of the twenty-five boys.

A boy who is placed on probation reports at the office of the Society every week, if his case is of a grave nature, every two weeks, if it is not so serious; brings reports from his mother and, if he attends school, from his teacher; and is visited in his home. If a boy has been working, and has lost his place, first of all a new situation must be found for him, or his former employer induced to try him again, — one or the other of these plans having been attempted with success in

every instance thus far. The boys are encouraged, also, to open accounts at the savings bank. In several instances they have saved goodly sums. Always pressure is brought to bear upon them to pay the "costs" of their trial, assessed by the court, as far as possible out of their own earnings instead of depending on their parents to furnish the money. Usually they have two months in which to prepare for this payment, and saving during this period in order to meet the account is a most wholesome discipline.

Of the twenty-five boys placed on probation during the year, one has been surrendered to the court and sentenced. The other twenty-four have done well with two exceptions, one a runaway, all trace of whom has been lost, the other a boy whose propensity for thieving cannot be stopped, so that he will probably require the training of Pine Farm. Of the twenty-four, ten are at work and fourteen at school. One, placed on probation after being convicted of "breaking and entering" stores, was surrendered immediately to the Society by his parents, and sent to Pine Farm. He quickly won distinction there for his exemplary behavior, and was promoted to a home in the country. During the year no girl of Protestant family has been placed on probation in the municipal (the central) criminal court.

The probation agent, also, watches over another class of boys, who are placed on what we may call voluntary probation. Boys, for instance, are referred to us by the truant officers before their truancy has become confirmed or led to anything worse, and the friendly oversight of the probation agent with the knowledge on the part of the boys that further truancy will cause them to be sent away from home, serves to keep them from going farther astray. Indeed, the cases of this kind which have been taken up have turned out most happily. In all but one instance the truancy has absolutely ceased.

So, too, in any case reported at the office, if there is doubt whether a boy who has not been doing well needs to leave home, the milder method of personal oversight by the probation agent is first tried. If that fails, or if his home conditions prove to be too seriously against him, he may then be sent to a carefully

selected family in the country, or, if necessary, to Pine Farm or Rock Lawn Farm or the Weston Home.

THE NEED OF TRADE SCHOOLS.

The work of another year has given still greater emphasis, if that were possible, to the need, noted a year ago, of something to take the place of the apprentice system of earlier days. It is high time that our boys should cease to be debarred the opportunity to learn trades. Without skill and the wage-earning capacity that it gives, anything but a low standard of living on the part of the future families of these youth is out of the question. Trade instruction,—not to be confused with mere manual training, though the latter is both eminently desirable in and of itself, and also indispensable as a preliminary to direct trade training,—trade instruction, in distinct, out-and-out trade schools bids fair to be the key that shall unlock the doors of the trades to our youth. And not for our boys alone, but for our girls as well, an early solution of this most important problem is imperative.

THE HOME LIBRARIES.

But the personal work of the Society among children in the city does not end with the “graduates” and “probationers”; it reaches many others through the Home Libraries. Each library consists of a neat little book-case supplied with fifteen carefully selected juvenile books and five bound collections of magazines, and adorns the wall of the “living room” in the home of a poor family that else would miss the genial presence of good books. Each library has its own group of readers,—ten boys and girls living in the neighborhood and varying in age from eight or nine to fifteen or sixteen years. A boy or girl in the family in whose home the library is placed, serves as librarian. Each group is met by a friendly visitor at least once a week, at the regular weekly exchange of books, in the home of the librarian.

When a set of books has been read, it is exchanged for a fresh supply, and in turn is sent to another group of readers. Thus a chain of libraries is formed, and each reading group has at its

command a practically unlimited supply of the best juvenile reading that our literature affords.

A carefully selected list of books for adults is being prepared, with the numbers that they bear at the public library and its branches, for the use of the boys and girls when they reach young manhood and womanhood, and are graduated from these juvenile libraries.

Until January 1st, 1890, the libraries were supported entirely from special donations. On that date the Society adopted them as an integral part of its work. The method of starting new libraries, however, is still chiefly by special gifts for that purpose, a donation of \$25 being sufficient to secure the establishment of a library.

During the year the number of Home Libraries has grown from fifteen to forty, with a total membership of three hundred and sixty-six children. Twenty-seven of the libraries have been established at the request of one or another of the Ward Conferences of the Associated Charities, in families in which they have been interested; and in many instances money has been raised by the Conference to pay the cost of starting the library, and the visitor of the family for the Associated Charities has become the visitor of the library.

Thirty-seven volunteer visitors are engaged in the work; they make monthly reports in writing, and hold a monthly conference. A varied and extensive influence for good is brought to bear upon the youthful readers under the kindly auspices of the little libraries. The visitors take outings with the children, especially in the summer. Penny savings are encouraged. Home amusements, too, are taught by the visitors, and the children learn how to have good times in their own homes. Indeed, in the little libraries street life finds a rival, and the home life of morally exposed children a new and sweetening influence.

So much for the bare outline of what the Society is doing and trying to do. But the heart of the matter refuses to be stated, and we despair even of suggesting it. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden",—to the children of misfortune, heavy laden even in their tender years with the

weight, often of bad inheritance, still oftener of evil example, degrading surroundings, and constant temptation, we issue this Christ-welcome. Shall we shut the door so long as one child stands without?

Here, then, is a great opportunity, a great task, a great responsibility for the Children's Aid Society and all who care, or ought to care,—as who ought not?—to turn the light of love and help and rescue upon the children of darkness and misery. It is not sentimentality but simple truth to say that the great child-tragedy of modern city life is before us: children's bodies are suffering, their minds being dwarfed, their spirits cowed down, their souls led astray,—and we can help them, if we will.

If the community could but realize fully the fact that often our work means nothing less than the saving of boys and girls from becoming drunkards and prostitutes, could they withhold unstinted and enthusiastic support? Our methods have not been lightly or carelessly chosen or devised. To the children of ill-luck or ill-fate,—God's children still,—we bring, and not in vain, the things that make for human character and happiness: opportunity, education, employment, religion, respect, friends, pure home life, love.

We are as strong as the support given us,—no stronger. Would that the community could see just what and all that it means to these children to be given a chance,—a little justice, a little love, an average opportunity.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

JUNE 1, 1890.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PINE FARM, AT WEST NEWTON, MASS.

The receipts from the farm have been increased and justify the expectation that the change from small fruits would increase the income from that source, and it may be still further increased. Mr. Bohaker has shown his ability as a practical farmer, and has also been very efficient in repairs about the place and wherever his services were required. All the household has been harmonious, and this has acted upon the boys who come here, as they have been, as a rule, contented and happy in their changed surroundings.

The health of the boys has been very good, though in common with other families the majority had "La Grippe" when it was prevalent. Dr. Albert Nott of West Newton has been prompt to answer any call made upon him for attendance upon the boys, though his work is a labor of love for doing good. Dr. C. E. A. Ross has given all needed attention to the boys' teeth, and is greatly interested in and for them.

During the farming season we tried the experiment of keeping a portion of the boys out of school during the forenoon and the others in the afternoon for work. In my judgment it was a very successful experiment, enabling the teacher to give more time to some boys who were backward in their studies, and keeping them at work on the farm more hours at a time, thus giving a habit of more continuous work, a habit which they have much need to cultivate.

In August the school enjoyed their day upon the Charles River, Mr. Henry S. Grew paying the expense, and if he could go with the boys once, and see how greatly they enjoyed the day, I am sure he would feel repaid for his liberality. Bountiful preparation for the dinner was made, which was carried and placed upon the tables at Lilly Point Grove, the proprietor of which was very kind, and seemed glad as in former years to have the boys come and enjoy themselves. Some had a swim in the river, and all en-

joyed the ball game and the various races, as well as the return, towed by the steamer. After arrival at Pine Farm, supper was had under the pines, which made a pleasant ending of a most delightful day. Mrs. R. C. Scudder, a summer resident of Waban, desired to give the boys an outing, and, at her expense, all were taken in November to visit the Maritime Exhibition. As the proprietors gave us free admission, some money was left, and the boys on the Roll of Honor and in the first grade were afterwards taken to Boston, and visited one of the war vessels, which was an object lesson of unusual interest.

The usual Christmas Festival was held on Christmas Eve, and after a short entertainment of singing and recitations, which greatly pleased the Sunday School teachers and friends who were present, Santa Claus appeared, and from the brilliantly lighted and gayly decorated tree distributed the presents which the liberality of friends had furnished. By invitation of the Sunday School of Channing Church, Newton, all attended their Christmas celebration on the evening of the twenty-seventh of December. After an excellent supper was served, an exhibition of the magic lantern was given. Our boys sang for them, and Santa Claus appeared and gave to each of the boys a present, their names and ages having been previously sent to the Superintendent. The boys, as usual, behaved admirably, and were much commended for their good conduct, as well as for their singing.

Mrs. E. T. Eldredge still kindly pays the expense of a music teacher, and Mr. L. E. Chase has come weekly during the year. The boys are much interested in the singing, for which they have been much praised, and we are sure it has its influence for good upon them. The boys have by invitation sung at the Channing Church, Newton; the Baptist Church, Newton Upper Falls; the Unitarian Church at Wellesley Hills; the public meeting of the Boston Children's Aid Society, Meionaon Hall, Boston; two of them sung in the Baptist Church, Newton; and they have given efficient aid in most of the Sabbath School concerts of the church which they attend. In March, the very first opportunity for a sleigh-ride, Mr. S. F. Cate sent his boat sleigh, and took all upon a sleigh-ride, which was greatly enjoyed.

In stormy weather the boys have had no place in which to play with any comfort. They could not be cleanly playing in the mud, and after being confined in the school room it did not seem well to bring them into the house. Having sold the printing presses, the money for which had never been used, I proposed to build a play-room which might ultimately grow into a gymnasium, and the Committee approved. Mr. Bohaker being a practical carpenter, a building 40 x 20 has been erected, much of the work being done by the boys under his direction, and I am sure one could not see the boys in there some of the stormy spring days without feeling it was money well spent.

Hon. Robert Treat Paine has generously sent a student of the Massachusetts School of Technology to teach the boys carpentry and the use of tools.

The increasing interest in the boys here by the various churches and citizens of the villages surrounding the Home has been most gratifying, and has repaid us for our labors to this end. It has been manifest in their invitations to the boys to sing, and in the contributions of money and clothing received. The reduced expense of clothing the past year, as seen by the report, has been mainly due to the quantity and quality of the clothing received from this source, much of it being suitable for best suits. It has also been very pleasing to notice the excellent conduct of the boys when at any entertainment, and almost invariably they have been complimented for behavior so different from the boys belonging in the village, and I believe the same number could not be taken from various families and be found so obedient and thoughtful of the proprieties of the occasion. We have of late allowed some upon invitation of their Sabbath School teachers to go to their house to tea or to a particular entertainment at the church. This, of course, has been considered a special privilege and a reward for good conduct. We have always heard excellent reports of their behavior on these occasions, and we are sure it does them all good to know that we will trust them as far as we can, and it gives to some of them new ideas as to the better home life. Much of the good done cannot be put

in statistics, but those interested can see the change for the better so soon as the boys become a part of the family life here. We may regret that all labor seems to be lost upon some boys who, when temptations come, return to their old habits, but we are not without hope that even with these the instruction here given will not be in vain. Our desire has always been to do good to the boys, and now, as we leave them in the care of others, our hearts go out for them, and our sincere prayer is that our successors may be able better than we to win them to ways of truth and righteousness.

BENJAMIN F. MOORE.

APRIL 24, 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa M. Piper are now at the head of the Pine Farm household.

During the year twenty-one boys have been received, and three have been returned from their places. Fifteen have been placed out in families, and eleven discharged to relatives or friends. There are now twenty-six boys at the Farm.

JUNE 1, 1890.

PINE FARM COMMITTEE.

FARM PRODUCTS.

Chickens and Eggs	\$43 00	Onions	\$200 00
Squashes	17 00	Turnips	93 00
Peas	20 00	Apples	18 00
Asparagus and Rhubarb	30 00	Beans	51 00
Berries	28 00	Cabbages	60 00
Corn	70 00	Tomatoes	18 30
Hay	340 00	Pork	65 01
Carrots	26 00	Milk	300 00
Beets	96 00	Stone	30 75
Potatoes	137 50	Butter	68 50
Straw	36 00		
Corn Fodder	13 00		
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There should be added to this the amount of asparagus, etc., raised in May of this year, as this account extends only to April 24th.

PRODUCTS SOLD.

Berries	\$20 80	Hay	\$74 20
Asparagus and Rhubarb	21 29	Onions	195 26
Beets and Carrots	66 17	Chickens and Eggs	35 04
Corn and Beans	51 93	Potatoes	9 18
Peas and Tomatoes	33 31	Stone	30 75
Squashes and Apples	17 13	Boys' labor	53 00
Turnips	63 03		
Cabbages	22 96		
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There should be added to this the amount of asparagus, rhubarb, etc., which may be sold between the 24th of April and the 1st of June.

DONATIONS TO PINE FARM.

July, 1889.

Five dollars for fireworks, for July 4th—H. A. Lamb, Boston.
 Salmon, ice cream, etc., for dinner, for July 4th—G. W. Armstrong, Boston.
 Clothing—Mrs. J. C. Parks, Newton.
 Clothing—Allen School, West Newton.
 Hay—Mrs. R. C. Scudder, Waban.
 Five dollars—Commander Ford, England.

August.

Clothing—Mr. Marcy, Newton Lower Falls.

September.

Clothing—Mrs. E. N. Thayer, Holbrook.
 Harness—Hon. Robert Treat Paine, Boston.

October.

Clothing—Mrs. Rollins, Newtonville.
 Games—Mrs. E. Porter, Newton Centre.
 Twenty-five dollars—Sunday School, Second Cong. Church, West Newton.

November.

Two Vols. London Graphic—Francis Blake, Weston.
 Twenty-five dollars—Mrs. R. C. Scudder, Waban.

For Thanksgiving Day.

Cranberries—Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, Boston.
 Cranberries—Rev. Mr. Lawrence, Newton Centre.
 Turkey—Dea. R. W. Kendall, West Newton.
 Turkey—Mrs. A. Graves and Mrs. Young, West Newton.
 Two turkeys—Dea. J. L. Clark, West Newton.
 Oysters—W. E. Glover, West Newton.

December.—For Christmas.

Beef for Dinner—F. M. Dutch, West Newton.
 Tree—Mrs. Seth Davis, West Newton.

Five dollars—Miss Helen Paine, Boston.

Three dollars—Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill.

Making Blouses—King's Daughters, Second Cong. Church, West Newton.

January, 1890.

Scribner's Magazine for the year—H. S. Grew, Boston.
 Youth's Companion for the year—Mrs. Jas. Tolman, Boston.
 St. Nicholas for the year—Mrs. Jas. Tolman, Boston.
 Newton Graphic for the year—Proprietors, Newton.
 Papers and Magazines—Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Newton.
 Games, etc.—Mrs. H. J. Patrick, West Newton.

February.

Magazines—Master and Miss Lawrence, Boston.
 Books—Edward Henry Fay, Boston.
 Papers—Universalist Society, Newtonville.
 Clothing and Books—C. E. Johnson, Newton.
 \$36.44—Sunday School, First Cong. Church, Newton Centre.

March.

\$8.18—Sunday School, Unitarian Society, Wellesley Hills.
 Papers—Mrs. D. D. Slade, Chestnut Hill.

April.

Papers and Magazines—H. L. Felton, West Newton.
 Books—Mrs. R. T. Paine, Boston.
 Force Pump, complete—Arthur C. Walworth, Newton Centre.
 Paint for New Building—W. B. Bird, Boston.
 Clothes Wringer—C. H. Bolles, Boston.
 Clothes Wringer and Bell—Charles F. Dowse, Boston.
 Nuts—Unknown.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROCK LAWN FARM, AT FOXBOROUGH, MASS.

Fourteen new boys have come to the Home during the year, and sixteen have gone to places. More care has been exercised in sending out boys, with the satisfactory result that only two have been returned. One boy has been sent to his parents, and one who ran away has not yet been found, but is thought to be with relatives. There are now twenty-three boys at the Home.

We notice with pleasure the tidy and well-kept appearance of the farm, the clean and neat dormitories, the kind feeling towards animals among the boys, and their zeal and interest in both school and outdoor work. They have earned \$110.72 picking cranberries for the neighbors, and \$10 at other work, which they presented to the Society.

Thirty suits, fifty shirts, twenty-three vests, and most of the boys' winter caps have been made in the Home, chiefly from cloth given by friends. Dr. Lemuel Dickerman still kindly gives his services, and free seats are provided as usual at the Congregational Church. Many kind friends in Foxborough have given entertainments to the boys, and on two occasions, when they went to Boston, reduced tickets were furnished by Mr. George L. Connor, General Passenger Agent of the Old Colony railroad. An interesting lecture on the care of the body was given at the Home, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

It has been well said—"A teacher of boys has abundant cause for anxiety, for doubt, for vigilance, for misgiving;—no profession demands more faith in Providence, more appeals for all possible outside or inside help. But there is none that teaches more truly the duty of *hope*;"—and in this hope for the best in the case of each individual boy, combined with a warm personal love, lies the secret of Mr. and Mrs. Morse's success. It is too early yet to judge of the permanent results,

but surely a boy can have no better safeguard for the future than the daily training of this happy and wholesome family life.

JUNE 1, 1890.

DONATIONS TO ROCK LAWN FARM, FOXBOROUGH.

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| Mrs. H. A. Lamb, \$5 for Fourth of July. | Miss. A. P. Jackson, \$5, clothing. |
| Miss A. P. Jackson, \$5 for Fourth of July. | Mr. H. D. Chapin, \$10. |
| Mr. H. A. Lamb, \$5 for Fourth of July. | Masters George C. and Henry L. Shattuck, velocipede. |
| Mrs. Poole, clothing, three times. | Mrs. S. H. Clapp, books. |
| Mrs. Charlotte Leavitt, clothing, "Youth's Companion," and books. | Mrs. B. F. Boyden, two framed engravings. |
| Mr. H. A. Lamb, \$15 for Thanksgiving and Christmas. | Congregational Sunday School, \$1. |
| Mrs. H. A. Lamb, \$5 for Thanksgiving, clothing, papers, school and writing books, "Popular Educator." | Mr. James B. Case, large bundle of cloth samples. |
| Mr. Charles W. Hodges, papers. | Mrs. Asa Gray, "Our Dumb Animals," "Indian Helper," one copy "Black Beauty." |
| Mr. George Barron, books. | Miss Isa E. Loring, knit reins. |
| Mrs. A. C. Doolittle, box of handkerchiefs. | Miss A. G. Gray, boy's reefer. |
| Mr. V. S. Pond, boards for boys. | Miss Minnie Wither, picture. |
| Dr. Hitchcock's family, clothing. | Mrs. Edwin Gray, papers. |
| | Mrs. R. T. Paine, 17 copies "Black Beauty." |
| | Mrs. Emmons Hartshorn, boy's jacket and neckties. |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTON HOME, AT WESTON, MASS.

The Weston Home has passed an uneventful year. The enlargement of the house has made everything more convenient and easy to manage. The Home now contains sixteen boys, with accommodations for one more. Last fall several parents made complaints about the treatment of their boys; and in one or two cases it was possible to trace out some little thing, that with large additions and changes by the boys, finally assumed the form of the complaint made.

But many parents are but too ready to listen to any story told by the boys, especially after they have run away and have to invent some excuse.

One parent complained of his boy being put on bread and water. In the same conversation he acknowledged that his son was most unruly and untruthful; that he himself had at times been obliged to "lick him awful." Many boys who are too bad to be kept at home, assume the form of persecuted angels when removed from the parental care, and any form of punishment is resented by the parents.

Of late, we have had no complaints, and the boys seem to be happy and contented. During the year nine boys have been received, and one has been returned from his place; six have been placed in families, and two have been given up to their relatives.

Of the boys placed out, three have places in Weston; and we hope their success will be such as to create a demand for more in the town.

DONATIONS.

Boston Sewing Circle, bed linen and garments, 58 pieces.

Mrs. Barry, bananas and candy.

Channing Sewing Circle, Newton, various garments, 73 pieces.

Mr. James B. Case, large box of samples and remnants of suitings.

Mrs. Fiske, fire works, 12 yards of shirting.

Mr. Lyman Gale and Mr. Arthur Russell, box of magazines.

Mrs. Hall, one book.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston, 7 sheets.

Mrs. C. T. Paine, clothing.

Mrs. R. T. Paine, 14 copies "Black Beauty."

Mrs. Sears, clothing.

Mrs. Winsor, ice cream.

JUNE 1, 1890.

*Dr.**EDWARD JACKSON, Treasurer, in account*

June 1, 1889.

To balance on hand	\$566 64
Annual subscriptions	2,830 00
Donations	6,390 75
" from boys at Rock Lawn Farm	120 72
" for care of wayward girls	200 00
" for Probation Agency	1,000 00
" for Bureau of Information and Placing- Out Agency	1,477 16
" for Home Libraries	209 00
Income from invested funds	2,395 88
" " Shaw Fund for girls	270 00
Received from parents and guardians for board of boys at Pine Farm \$321 13	
do. at Rock Lawn Farm	196 50
do. at Weston Home	172 50
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	690 13
Received from Mr. Ripley on account of repairs at Weston	175 00
Received from Pine Farm :	
for farm produce sold	\$659 64
for stone sold	30 75
for boys' labor	46 02
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	736 41
Legacy from Sidney Bartlett	2,500 00
" " E. T. Loring	2,500 00
" " Elizabeth T. Norton	250 00
Investments sold :	
\$4,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. 4 per cent bonds	\$3,731 33
\$4,000 Chicago, Burlington & Northern R. R. 6 per cent bonds	4,090 00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., income 5s, received in reorganization	402 00
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	8,223 33

\$80,535 02

BOSTON, June 14th, 1890.

I hereby certify that I have examined the cash account of the Children's Aid Society for the year ending June 12th, 1890, and report thereon that I find the cash book correctly footed, and the payments supported by vouchers, all of which appear to be legitimate and genuine.

I have also seen all the securities belonging to the Society, in the Society's safe in Society's vaults.

THEOPH. PARSONS, Auditor.

with BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

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June 1, 1890.

By Rock Lawn Farm. Salaries	\$900 00	
Board of boys	2,376 43	
Expenses	120 37	
		\$3,396 80
Weston Home. Salaries	\$780 00	
Board of boys	1,412 50	
Expenses	92 79	
		2,285 29
Pine Farm. Salaries.	\$2,405 70	
Expenses	3,011 49	
		5,417 19
Salary of general secretary		2,500 00
Bureau of Information and Placing-Out Agency. Salaries		1,327 16
Travel of general secretary and assistants in Bureau of Information and Placing-Out Agency		126 90
Board, clothing and sundries of children placed in families by Placing-Out Agency		1,130 00
Placing-Out Agency, special dep't for care of wayward girls in families. Board, clothing and travel		1,238 91
Placing-Out Agency, special dep't for placing boys from Pine Farm, Rock Lawn Farm and Weston Home in families. Salary of agent	\$401 28	
Travel	303 44	
Board and clothing	765 05	
		1,469 77
Probation agent and visitor of graduates. Salary	748 75	
Travel	34 49	
		783 24
Home Libraries. Salary of general visitor for five months	\$250 00	
New libraries and current expenses	674 37	924 37
Boston Office. Heat, light and care, stationery, postage, printing, express and telegraph, office furniture, and sundries	490 09	
New Office. Construction, painting, etc.	265 61	
		755 70
Annual Report. Publication and distribution		173 63
Public Meeting. Meionaon, Mch. 24, 1890. Expenses		102 44
Treasurer's expenses. Safe-rent and collection		68 63
Balance on hand, in hands of Treasurer	\$917 31	
“ “ “ Assistant Treasurer	1,110 18	
		2,027 49
Investments: Bought \$3,000 K. C., Memphis & Birmingham R. R. 5 per cent bonds	\$3,007 50	
Bought \$4,000 Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern R. R. 5 per cent bonds	3,800 00	
		6,807 50
		\$30,535 02

BOSTON, June 18, 1890.

EDWARD JACKSON. *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Ames, Mrs. J. B.	\$20 00	Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	\$5 00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25 00	Lamb, H. A.	50 00
Atkinson, George	10 00	Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100 00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	5 00	Lawrence, Mrs. A. A.	50 00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	3 00	Lee, George C.	25 00
Beal, Thomas P.	5 00	Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10 00
Billings, C. E.	50 00	Longfellow, Miss A.	5 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Loring, Mrs. W. C.	25 00
Bowditch, Miss Charlotte	5 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	25 00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50 00	Lowell, Miss G.	25 00
Brewer, Cyrus	20 00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	25 00
Brooks, Mrs. Francis	5 00	Lowell, John	10 00
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	25 00	Lyman, Theodore	25 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20 00	Mason, M. B.	25 00
Buck, Mrs. D.	5 00	Matchett, W. F.	10 00
Bullard, W. S.	20 00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10 00
Burnham, John A.	10 00	Merriam, Charles	10 00
Burnham, Mrs. J. A., Jr.	25 00	Merriam, Mrs. Charles	10 00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20 00	Minot, William	5 00
Cabot, J. E.	10 00	Minot, Dr. F.	5 00
Cabot, R. C.	5 00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25 00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	20 00	Murdock, Miss Maria	10 00
Cary, Miss A. P.	10 00	Nichols, Miss M. P.	5 00
Chase, Wm. L.	5 00	Paine, Robert Treat	75 00
Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5 00	Paine, The Misses	25 00
Clapp, Mrs.	10 00	Parker, Miss E. G.	10 00
Clarke, Mrs. Jas. Freeman	5 00	Parkman, Miss E. S.	5 00
Cowing, W. H.	5 00	Pickman, Mrs. W. D.	20 00
Cowing, Mrs. W. H.	5 00	Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50 00
Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	10 00	Pierce, Miss E. D.	5 00
Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5 00	Quincy, Miss Abby P.	5 00
Davis, Mrs. E. L.	5 00	Read, Miss Sarah E.	20 00
Dexter, F. Gordon	5 00	Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	25 00
Dorr, Miss Susan E.	10 00	Saltonstall, Henry	100 00
Endicott, Miss C. T.	10 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25 00
Endicott, Wm., Jr.	250 00	Scudder, Mrs. M. S.	5 00
Everett, Dr. Wm.	5 00	Shaw, Francis	10 00
Fay, Miss S. B.	20 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	20 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	25 00	Stackpole, S. M.	5 00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10 00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5 00
Goddard, Geo. A.	25 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	10 00
Gray, Mrs. Asa	10 00	Tappan, Miss M. A.	50 00
Green, Chas. G.	10 00	Thayer, Mrs.	100 00
Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5 00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	5 00
Greenough, C. P.	2 00	Tolman, Jas. P.	25 00
Grew, H. S.	50 00	Wales, Miss Mary Anne	200 00
Grover, W. O.	25 00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	100 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	15 00
Hooper, E. W.	50 00	Whitman, Mrs. H.	50 00
Hubbard, C. E.	15 00	Whitney, Edward	20 00
Hubbard, Mrs. C. T.	50 00	Wigglesworth, Miss	50 00
Hubbard, C. W.	50 00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	20 00
Hubbard, James M.	5 00	Winthrop, R. C.	5 00
Hunnewell, Mrs. H.	5 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C.	5 00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	25 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Jackson, Mrs. C.	25 00	Young, Miss	5 00
Jackson, Miss E.	10 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25 00
Jackson, Edward	50 00		
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25 00		

\$2,830 00

DONATIONS.

A. B.	\$50 00	Evans, Mrs. C. W.	\$2 00
A. H.	50 00	Evans, Mrs. Glendower . .	10 00
A. L. F.	10 00	E. W. P. See page 31	
Allen, Thos.	10 00	Fay, J. S.	25 00
Ames, F. L.	50 00	FitzGerald, Desmond . . .	5 00
Amory, Miss Alice	5 00	FitzGerald, Mrs. Desmond .	2 00
Amory, Harcourt	10 00	Fiske, Mrs. A.	10 00
Appleton, Mrs. Wm.	25 00	Friend	1,000 00
Barnard, Mrs. G. M.	100 00	" through W. A. Wilson	20 00
Bartlett, Miss F.	20 00	"	5 00
Bartlett, Miss	25 00	"	3 08
Batchelder, C. F.	10 00	"	25 00
Batchelder, Mrs. F.	10 00	Fry, Mrs. Charles	25 00
Battelle, Eugene	5 00	Glover, J. B.	50 00
Bigelow, Mrs. H.	5 00	Gray, Miss Harriet	50 00
Blake, Mrs. S. P.	5 00	Gray, Mrs. Horace	50 00
Blake, Arthur W.	50 00	Gray, Miss E. C.	50 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Gray, Miss M. C.	5 00
Bond, Edw. P.	10 00	Hale, George S.	10 00
"Boy Workers" of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Matta- pan, through Rev. J. T. Magrath	10 00	Hammer, E. C.	25 00
Brewer, E. M.	25 00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P. . . .	10 00
Bowditch, W. I.	5 00	Hemenway, Mrs. A., Jr., . .	50 00
Bremer, J. L.	50 00	Hemenway, Mrs. Mary, for Christmas	50 00
Brimmer, Martin	50 00	Higginson, Waldo	10 00
Bumstead, Mrs. Freeman . .	25 00	Hodges, Dr. R. M.	5 00
Burr, C. C.	20 00	Holmes, O. W.	10 00
Burr, I. T.	50 00	Hooper, Mrs. R. C.	10 00
Bradlee, Miss H. C.	500 00	Howes, Miss E. S.	20 00
Burnham, Mrs. J. A.	25 00	Howland, Mrs. E. C.	25 00
Cabot, John H.	20 00	Hunnewell, Walter	25 00
Cabot, J. Elliot	10 00	Hunnewell, H. H.	25 00
Cary, Mrs. R. C.	5 00	Jackson, C. L.	20 00
Cash	5 00	Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S. . . .	25 00
"	20 00	Jackson, Edward, for Christ- mas	2 00
Cary, Miss G. S.	5 00	Jackson, Mrs. P. T., proceeds of Fair	84 00
Chapin, H. D.	50 00	Jones, Rev. Lloyd	1 00
Clarke, Mrs. E. C.	10 00	Joy, C. H.	10 00
Chase, Miss Ellen	5 00	King's Chapel	50 00
Collamore, The Misses . . .	10 00	Kuhn, Mrs. H.	5 00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr. . .	10 00	Lady	100 00
Curtis, Greely S.	10 00	Lawrence, Mrs. A. A.	100 00
Curtis, Louis	10 00	Lee, Henry	20 00
Crafts, Mrs. Jas.	20 00	Lincoln, W. H.	10 00
C. T. H., in memory of . . .	25 00	Loring, W. C.	300 00
Dole, Rev. C. F.	5 00	Lovering, Mrs. C. T.	10 00
Drummond, Mrs. Jas.	10 00	Lowell, Mrs. E. J.	5 00
Eaton, Mrs. W. S.	20 00	Lowell, F. C.	10 00
Eaton, Miss G.	10 00	Lyman, Miss A.	10 00
Eaton, W. S.	100 00	Lyman, Mrs. Geo. H., Jr. . .	10 00
Eliot, Mrs. S.	5 00	Lyman, Miss Julia	10 00
Eliot Church, Newton	5 00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	200 00

Mason, W. P.	\$20 00	Slade, Dr. and Mrs. D. D. .	\$10 00
Mass. Charitable Fire So-		Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10 00
cietiy	100 00	Stearns, Chas. H.	10 00
Meyer, Mrs. Geo. Von L. .	10 00	Storer, John H.	3 00
Montgomery, Wm.	5 00	Storer, Miss	5 00
Nichols, B. W.	25 00	Sullivan, Richard	5 00
Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.	6 00	Tappan, Miss M. A.	100 00
Parker, R. T.	25 00	Thorndike, Chas.	25 00
Parkinson, Mrs. John . . .	25 00	Tolman, Mrs. Jas.	10 00
Parsons, Miss G.	10 00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	10 00
Peabody, F. H.	25 00	"True Helpers," Unity	
Peabody, O. W.	10 00	Chapel, So. Boston . . .	10 00
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	20 00	Triangle, Newton Highlands	7 67
Peabody, Mrs. W. A. . . .	2 00	Trinity Church	18 00
Perkins, Mrs. C. E.	10 00	Wales, Geo. W.	5 00
Phillips, Mrs. J. C., Jr. . .	100 00	Ware, Miss M. L.	10 00
Pickering, Mrs. H.	50 00	Ware, C. P.	20 00
Putnam, Mrs. S. R.	10 00	Warren, Estate of S. D. . .	100 00
Richardson, Mrs. T. O. . .	10 00	Weld, Mrs. F. M.	10 00
Robeson, Mrs. A.	5 00	White, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Robeson, Mrs. W. R. . . .	15 00	Whitney, Edward	100 00
Rodman, S. W.	10 00	Whitney, Geo.	5 00
Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	15 00	Whitney, Mrs. H. M. . . .	10 00
Ropes, J. C.	20 00	Whitwell, Miss S. L. . . .	10 00
Rotch, Mrs. B. S.	600 00	Wigglesworth, Edward . .	20 00
Russell, Miss Marian . . .	25 00	Williams, The Misses . . .	10 00
Rotch, Miss Edith	200 00	Williams, Mrs. J. D. W. . .	5 00
Sargent, Mrs. C. S.	10 00	Wilson, Wm. A.	10 00
Saltonstall, Hon. L.	10 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C., Jr. .	10 00
Sears, Henry F.	25 00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	5 00
Second Cong. Church, West		Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	100 00
Newton	25 00		
Skinner, Mrs. F.	25 00		
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A. . . .	100 00		
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			\$6390 75

SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR BUREAU OF INFORMATION AND PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

Cash	\$5 00	Loring, Mrs. Wm. C.	\$100 00
Hale, George S.	25 00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	97 16
Jackson, Miss A. P.	100 00	Paine, Miss Helen	50 00
Jackson, Edward	50 00	Paine, Robert Treat	100 00
Lamb, H. A.	150 00	Parsons, Theophilus	100 00
Lamb, H. A., trustee . . .	100 00	Rogers, Miss A. P.	500 00
Lamb, H. A., trustee Dix			
Fund	100 00		<hr/>
			\$1,477 16

SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR CARE OF WAYWARD GIRLS.

Hooper, E. W.	\$50 00	Paine, The Misses	\$25 00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	100 00		
Paine, Robert Treat	25 00		<hr/>
			\$200 00

SPECIAL DONATION FOR PROBATION AGENCY.

Wales, Miss Mary Anne	\$1000 00
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SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR HOME LIBRARIES.

Associated Charities, Conference of Wards 19 and 21 . . .	\$25 00	*Cash, through general secretary	\$143 33
Barnard, Mrs. George M.	25 00	Hale, George S.	10 00
Bartol, Miss Mary	5 00		
Cash, to replace 2 books lost . . .	67		\$209 00

* Itemized in following list.

† MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS DISBURSED BY GENERAL SECRETARY.

Amory, Miss Alice, for board of special children, \$5.	Dunkley, Miss Kate, 37 magazines and copies of Youth's Companion for Home Libraries.
Andrews, A. R., 25 articles of clothing.	Edmunds, Winthrop and William, 7 books and 52 magazines for Home Libraries.
Arlington Lend-a-Hand Club, through Mrs. John H. Hardy, for board of special child \$4, and four articles of clothing.	Fields, Mrs. James T., 3 books for Home Libraries.
Associated Charities, Central Office, 3 magazines.	Flower Mission, South Sudbury, through Mrs. N. B. Hunt, Supt., 5 boxes of flowers.
Benson, Miss L. E., \$5 and 18 cards for Christmas gifts.	Foote, Mrs. George, \$7.50 for Home Libraries.
Birtwell, Miss S. J., 1 book for Home Libraries.	Friend, A, through H. A. Lamb, \$5 for summer outings for children.
Bliss, Miss H. M., \$24 for board of special child.	Garfield, Thomas, \$5 for Home Libraries.
Boston Daily Evening Transcript, per F. B. Whitney, 50 copies holiday number of Transcript.	Gordon, J. W., 10 articles of clothing.
Bradley, Mrs., 59 magazines.	Gray, Miss E. C., \$15 and 3 books for Home Libraries.
Brigham, Miss A. A., pictures and cambric for scrap-books.	Grew, Mrs. H. S., \$138.85 for board of special children.
Bullard, C. G., box of toys and illustrated papers.	Hamilton, Miss S. Z., \$8 for board of special children.
Chapman, Mrs. Esther S., children's wheelbarrows, carts, chairs, drums, brooms, etc., for Christmas gifts.	Hardy, Mrs. John H., \$35.75 for summer outings for children; clothing, toy piano, doll, games, toys, etc., for Christmas gifts, and copies of Youth's Companion and Our Dumb Animals for Home Libraries.
"Cheerful Workers," Norwood, Mass., clothing, dolls, books, toys, games, etc., for Christmas gifts.	Hathaway, Miss Bertha, magic lantern loaned for temporary use of Home Libraries.
Clark, Miss Caroline, \$2 for Christmas gifts.	Hemenway, Mrs. Mary, \$109.33 for board and clothing of special children.
"Crickets, The," through Miss M. L. Drew, \$5 for summer outings for children.	Joy, Master, 23 juvenile papers.
Cunningham, Mrs. Frederic, \$2.50 and 17 books for Home Libraries.	Lamb, H. A., 55 articles of clothing.
Dates, Henry B., 44 copies of Youth's Companion for Home Libraries.	

† From the donations for Home Libraries in this list the sum of \$143.33 was paid to treasurer. See "Special Donations" at the head of this page.

- Lamb, H. A., Trustee Dix Fund, \$100 for needs not otherwise provided.
- Lamb, Mrs. H. A., \$20 for "graduates."
- Lawrence, Mrs. Amos, \$5 for Home Libraries.
- Lawrence, Mrs. Frank, \$1.50 for Home Libraries.
- Lawrence, Samuel C., 151 copies of Youth's Companion.
- Little, Abby N., 12 juvenile magazines for Home Libraries.
- Lothrop, D. & Co., 6 books and 12 magazines.
- Merritt, Mrs. G. W., \$3 for Home Libraries.
- Metcalf, Mrs. R. C., 28 copies of Youth's Companion for Home Libraries.
- Minot, Miss C. M. F., 15 magazines for Home Libraries.
- Minot, George R., 35 articles of clothing.
- Morgan, Charles R., \$17.71 credit on bills for carpentry work at central office.
- Nichols, Mrs. W. R., \$1.83 to replace books in Home Libraries.
- "No Name Club," Allston, through Miss Mabel Hollis, \$82.10 for summer outings for children.
- "Outline Circle," Wellesley Hills, 17 dolls, toys, etc., for Christmas.
- Paine, Mrs. G. B., 89 articles of clothing.
- Paine, Miss Helen, \$15 and 4 books for Home Libraries.
- Paine, Mrs. R. T., 20 copies of Black Beauty.
- Phillips, Miss Anna D., \$25 for Home Libraries.
- Pickering, Henry G., \$25 for Home Libraries.
- Platt, W. B., 21 books for Home Libraries.
- Pollack, Miss S. E., 5 books for Home Libraries, and cards for Christmas.
- Prescott, Charles W., 1 book for Home Libraries.
- Putnam, C. R. L., \$15 and 1 book for Home Libraries.
- Redfern, Benjamin F., \$13 for board of special child.
- Russell, Miss A. E., \$7.50 for Home Libraries.
- Russell, Miss L. S., 11 books, and copies of Youths' Companion for Home Libraries.
- Saltonstall, Henry, \$15 for Home Libraries.
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- Sever, Miss Emily, 3 books for Home Libraries.
- Shaw, Francis, \$14.86 for board and clothing of special child.
- Sheldon, Miss Jennie, 1 book for Home Libraries.
- Shimmin, Miss Blanche, through Miss F. A. Smith, \$15 for Home Libraries.
- Snelling, Mrs. H., 9 articles of clothing.
- Soper, Miss Annie, \$5 for board of special child.
- Soper, Miss C. E., \$1 for Christmas gifts.
- St. John, Jennie, Joseph and Albertina, 2 books for Home Libraries.
- Stockwell, George S., \$5 for Home Libraries.
- Stone, Miss F., \$5 for Home Libraries.
- Tappan, Miss M. A., \$25 and 5 books for Home Libraries.
- Tavis, William W., 2 books and 116 copies of Youth's Companion for Home Libraries.
- "Three Friends," 11 phototypes for central office.
- Thorndike, Mrs. Charles, \$5 for Home Libraries.
- Ticknor, Miss A. E., \$25 for Home Libraries.
- Wales, Miss Mary Anne, \$200 for "Home Amusements."
- Watson, Miss M. F., \$5 for board of special child.
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GENERAL STATEMENT OF METHODS.

1. A BUREAU OF INFORMATION.—The case of any needy child may be reported at the office for investigation, advice, appropriate reference to other agencies, or special help.

2. A PLACING OUT AGENCY.—*Boarding and free homes in private families* are provided for exposed, destitute, or homeless children, and the interests of the children guarded by constant supervision. When board is paid, relatives contribute according to their ability. The Society places approved homes at the disposal of other societies, boards of overseers of the poor, and private individuals, and performs, if desired, the service of supervision of the children placed in them.

3. THE CARE OF WAYWARD CHILDREN.—The Society takes charge of children who are *truant, wayward, dishonest, in danger of arrest, or under criminal prosecution, and saves them from commitment to the Juvenile Reformatory Institutions on Deer Island*. The girls, who must, as a rule, be under thirteen years of age, are placed in good private homes; board is paid by the Society, if necessary; and supervision is maintained by correspondence and visiting. Regularly the boys must be between nine and thirteen years of age, but exceptions are made. Thirty boys are received at "Pine Farm," West Newton, twenty-five at "Rock Lawn Farm," Foxboro, and fifteen at the "Weston Home," Weston, where the life resembles as far as possible that of a family, and the boys are taught farming, indoor work, and common school studies. When fitted, the boys are placed in good families, chiefly on farms, where the work of moral improvement goes on under the supervision of the Society, and

amid the healthful influences of home life ; and a friendly interest is continued after their final return to the city.

4. JUVENILE PROBATIONERS.—An agent of the Society attends the municipal criminal court daily, serves as bondsman for juveniles who are placed upon probation, visits them in their homes, and by personal influence and guidance seeks to rescue them from the evil careers toward which they are tending.

5. "HOME LIBRARIES" are established in the homes of poor and morally exposed children. Ten children in the same neighborhood draw books and periodicals from a library placed in the home of one of their own number who serves as librarian. A set of books and papers, when read, is exchanged for a fresh supply. Thus far thirty-seven libraries have been established. For each library there is a volunteer visitor, who, as a friend of the children, meets them at the regular weekly exchange of books, encourages intelligent reading, teaches home amusements, urges penny savings, etc.

REPORT.

THE Boston Children's Aid Society held a public meeting in the Meionaon on the evening of March 24, 1890. Hon. George S. Hale, President of the Society, presided.

The boys who sung at different points in the meeting, were not present during any of the speaking.

ADDRESS OF HON. GEORGE S. HALE.

The wise — I had almost said the stupid — world has been filling itself for thousands of years with excellent proverbs, which warn us that the child is father of the man; that the child's back must be bent in youth; that you must train up a child in the way he should go if you would not have him depart from it when he is old; that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And yet this wise world has stood still, with an apparent feeling that the children were but a small part of the community, and that, while these were very wise sentiments, their application was somewhat limited. The world has lately discovered that children are the fathers of men, and that, if we allow the neglect of children to go on, it is, in effect, neglect of society and of the world. They have learned to apply that old story of the child of Themistocles to society in its moral aspects, and that the morality of the child is to be the morality of the world. It is in behalf of children, representing, as we believe, the future of society, that we feel justified in urging upon you the duty which devolves on you and on us toward them.

I remember with interest and amusement a story of the early days of California. After the great flood of those who sought for gold had spread over its mountains and water-

courses, and filled them with a community without women and without children,—after years of this solitude, a large number of people were gathered together on some public occasion with all the paraphernalia of American celebrations, among them a noisy brass band. When it was about to begin its dulcet music, suddenly, amid the vast crowd of men, was heard the cry of an infant. It brought back to the thoughts and memories of these men their homes, their mothers, and their childhood. Every eye was suffused with tears; and, when the brass band began to drown the child's cry, an old weather-beaten and hardened miner rose, and indignantly shouted, "Stop that noisy band, and give the baby a chance!" So do I feel about some of our philanthropies. I should like to stop that particular band, and give the baby a chance. That is what the Children's Aid Society has been trying to do for more than a quarter of a century. It is now about twenty-six years since it was established by men whose names are familiar to you all as concerned in the best work of the time and of the community,—such men as Charles G. Loring, James Freeman Clarke, and others, some of whom still live and carry on the work which was then so successfully begun.

The Society, in the language of its charter, is designed to provide "for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, . . . such . . . relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin."

It seeks to do this by its officers, who attend the courts where the children are brought up for offences, and also by seeking them before they reach the courts, and putting them into positions where they may not be exposed to evil influences. As experience has gone on, as our work has been developed, the conviction has been impressed upon us that no part of our work is more effective than that of "setting the solitary in families," and of placing the child who has either no father and no mother, or a father and mother worse than none, where all those things that we have

shared, and which we wish to give to our children, may be secured for such a child. But this cannot be done without the means which God has provided for this purpose.

A Swedish philanthropist,—for the Swedes have been active in this work,—when asked if their schools for street children were not costly, said, “Certainly, they are costly; but we cannot afford to let these children grow up in misery and in vice, to become the most expensive and destructive agencies of our society.” Nor can we in this community afford to neglect these sources of danger, even if it costs us money.

But it is not my province to go into points of detail. The work of the Society will be explained to you by its industrious, assiduous, and successful Secretary, Mr. Birtwell, and others who are concerned in the work; and it will be enforced upon you by an eloquence which I shall not attempt to anticipate or imitate.

The first thing which I wish to present to you is a band of the children upon whom we have been working. We have three homes for these boys,—one at Pine Farm, one at Foxboro, and one at Weston. At these small rural Homes wayward boys receive training preliminary to being placed in families, children who are homeless, destitute, or exposed, but not distinctly wayward, being sent directly from the city to families. I now ask you to listen to some singing by the boys from Pine Farm.

The thirty Pine Farm boys came from the anteroom, and sung with spirit “The School of Jolly Boys,” and a baseball song, “Catch it on the Fly.”

The President then introduced Rev. Francis G. Peabody, D.D., Plummer Professor of Christian Morals at Harvard University.

ADDRESS OF PROFESSOR FRANCIS G. PEABODY, D.D.

My own relation with this Society has been of a most tender and interesting nature; but, as I think of it to-night, it is

beginning to assume a somewhat fearful aspect. Only half a dozen years ago I had the privilege of commending to the officers of this Society their present Secretary, and I then felt toward him something like a paternal relation. But when he came this year to Cambridge, and took to help him not less than twenty of our young students, my relationship seemed to be transferred to that of a grand-parental one; and now that I have seen the little ones themselves, the ancestral connection almost unnerves one by its suggestions.

It is perhaps worth while to dwell for a moment on the relation of the college to this work. At the beginning of this year, in Cambridge, we began a systematic relation of the college to the philanthropic activities of this community. We have tried to bring together there those young men who wanted to do something for somebody else, or, as one of them expressed it, to make of Harvard College something else than a "winter watering-place." The first-fruits of this endeavor came from the visits to us of Mr. Birtwell and Mr. Paine last October. A large number of our students are now sent out on various lines of philanthropic work, while still finding their centre in their college home. Along these different radii of activity they come back to the college centre to report and confer. In short, we are trying to maintain what we might call a college charity conference. And I need not say to you there is nothing in this world more beautiful to see than a healthy-minded young man, in the bloom of his manhood, touched with the feeling of others' infirmities, and taking his time not only from his books, but, what is still more wonderful, from his play, to bend to this activity among the humblest of the poor, and to sit with these little groups of boys and girls among their household libraries in the darker places of the great city. This new birth of moral responsibility makes, I assure you, a great joy and courage for any one who sits from day to day by this fountain of perpetual youth. Even your Society itself takes on something of the shape of a university. You have your president, and you have your college office where the discipline goes

on; and I see by your report that you even have your alumni association, and that the graduates of your various classes feel the same kind of pride which ours feel in belonging to one Alma Mater. And, what is still more odd, the library work of this Society, by a curious coincidence, has begun the same way of administration as the library of a great university. One of the strange things about library work to-day is this: that, having collected a great library, we forthwith feel the need of a lot of little ones; and the method of progress is not so much through the enlargement of the great central library as in the growth of a great number of small and special libraries, where the books shall be fairly forced into the students' hands. In the same way you have little departmental libraries, putting the books directly into the readers' hands, and some twenty of them administered by the students of the other college. Thus the oldest college in the country brings its greeting to the youngest, and wishes for it the same development and prosperity.

When one thinks about this beautiful work among children, his first thought is of the children themselves. There is a new courage which comes to us here from being sure that this is a form of charity which begins at the right place. Of this there can be no doubt. It is this dealing with the children which makes the true approach to modern charity. In a deeper sense than most of us are apt to think, it is true that "charity begins at home." It begins in the home and among the children. I had the pleasure, a few months ago, of inspecting a large number of methods of charity in England; and, if I were to name the most beautiful thing I saw, I should at once speak of one little group of three university men, settled together modestly and unpretentiously among the little boys of East London. These young men had once been in the colony of Toynbee; but they had migrated further eastward, close to the People's Palace, and had there made their quiet little home. One of these men was the son of a distinguished professor at Oxford; another, the son of a professor at Edinburgh, and himself a Fellow of the Univer-

sity of Cambridge ; and the third was a successful architect. The two university men were teachers in the class-rooms at the People's Palace, and they had simply gathered round them a little group of the more promising boys ; and every evening these selected boys came to the rooms of these sympathetic friends and spent an hour. In summer they all went off together to camp, and in the winter they maintained this permanent intimacy ; and thus, without a word of pretence or display, these young men were building up the bodies and souls of one little group of neglected children. I need not say that the same kind of absolutely safe charity is to be seen among us here. Nothing commands the confidence of the philanthropists of New York City like the wonderful work of Mr. Brace among the children. Nothing should command our generosity and confidence here so surely and so permanently as this work among the children of the poor.

For beyond the children themselves there are the parents, and this care of the children is the way into the parents' life. Of redemptive work among grown-up people there may well be some doubt and scepticism ; but of preventive work among the young there can be nothing but hope. Among the most touching experiences which my own pupils have reported has been the evidence of influence wrought upon the parents by the work done among their boys and girls. One of these administrators of a little household library goes to the home and sets the children to reading to the mother, who is weary with her work, or the father, who is idle after his. By and by the parents begin to have a personal interest in that which interests the children, and at last the parents are as anxious as the children to keep the little library in their home. It is a verification in modern life of the old Bible doctrine, "A little child shall lead them." And when it comes to the deeper relations of domestic life, to the opportunity that comes to the judicious visitor as he comes into the home as a friend of the children, the opportunity of the peace-maker and friend in the midst of the poverty and distress and intemperance and

crime and quarrels of the home, then one sees how the work among the children opens into the province of wholesome and scientific help to all the household of the poor.

And, lastly, when I think of this work most deeply, it grows plain to me, as it must to all of us, that its greatest blessing is this: that it stands for the real and healthy movement of the moral and religious life of this present time. I do not think that we half realize the tremendous blessing that it is to us all to live in a time when the Christian life has come into such close and intimate contact with the problems and needs of the human world. It seems to me as if religion in other days had been like a stream that wanted to bless the world, but had been held back and dammed and checked by those who should have guided it to service. The theologians and system-makers have built their dams about the truth, and the fields of the world into which the current was meant to flow have lain there, thirsty and parched, waiting for the coming of the waters. But now, thank God! this irresistible stream of religious impulse has burst all these barriers, and is already flowing on to irrigate the thirsty field of the world; and it is for us to guide its current into all the inlets and shallows of this modern life in which it is our privilege to live. We are no longer called in the name of religion to the divisions and controversies of theology. We are anointed in this time to preach the gospel to the poor, to open the eyes of the blind, and to set at liberty those that are bruised; and that is what makes it "an acceptable year of the Lord." And the saints and heroes and leaders of the modern Christian world,—who are they? They are no longer the ascetics and introspective hermits of the past. They are these people, before whom I, for one, bow with reverence,—the people who thus give themselves to lift up the ignorant, and make the crooked ways of life about us a little more straight. Very little asceticism, very little introspection, is needed in the court-room and in the street to-day. The Christian worker to-day must have sense as well as sentiment. He must be in the world, though not of it. His God must be not only love, but light.

Such persons are the representatives of the Christian ideal in the modern world: it is to them that the Master's best commendation would to-day be given. If Jesus of Nazareth were to come among us again to-day, I believe he would pass by many an imposing structure, many an ecclesiastical ritual, and would turn to just such a work as this, saying, "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was naked, and ye clothed me; I was a stranger, and ye took me in." And then, when these modest workers looked up with glad surprise, and said, "When saw we Thee hungry, and fed Thee; or naked, and clothed Thee; or a stranger, and took Thee in?" I think his answer would be, as it was before, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

The General Secretary of the Society, Mr. Charles W. Birtwell, was next introduced.

ADDRESS OF CHARLES W. BIRTWELL, GENERAL SECRETARY.

A three-year-old lad, whose only knowledge of large bodies of water had been obtained from the irrigating canals in the West, was taken to see the ocean. He stood for a moment in silent astonishment, and then burst out with, "Who turned on dis water?" When the stream of helpers from Harvard shall have swollen to a flood, if some inquisitive small boy shall ask you whence it came, you will be able to tell him what Harvard professor "turned it on."

The first and last fact in our charities is that they have to do not with things, but with human beings. Nobody denies that human nature is a strange affair,—at once simple and complex, at one and the same time thoroughly consistent and entirely inconsistent. Long ago it was agreed that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made"; but the trouble is that this too often means that *we* are "*wonderfully*" and our *fellow-men* "*fearfully*" made. But, depend upon it, human needs are very much alike. What tends to educate and purify and save one will tend to educate and purify and save

another. Home, education, religion, opportunity, respect, friends,—all of us need these, no one can do without them; and what child cannot be saved by them? Here is the simple basis of the work of the Children's Aid Society.

Our cities teem with people whom misfortune, blundering, or temptation has ruined or overcome,—people who are pinched with uninvited poverty or sunk in wilful pauperism and vice and crime. Yet these hard facts are not the product of a day. This ruined manhood and womanhood,—what is it, nine times out of ten, but the sure result of exposed, untrained, neglected childhood? It is in childhood that the fountains of adult character take their rise.

De Quincey likens the human brain to a palimpsest, a manuscript, you know, repeatedly written upon and as often cleansed of its writing, from which still by proper process the successively erased writings may be recovered and revealed. "What else than a natural and mighty palimpsest," says De Quincey, "is the human brain? . . . Countless . . . mysterious handwritings of grief or joy have inscribed themselves successively upon [it]. . . . Each has seemed to [blot out] . . . all that went before. And yet, in reality, not one has been [effaced]." Before, then, the writings have become too numerous, we must see to it that they are not pernicious, but beneficent.

Now, the first work of moral rescue undertaken by the Society that calls you here to-night was directed to that precise point of time when upon the life of one and another wayward city child the police, the courts, the juvenile reformatories, the jail, Deer Island, were about to write their indelible and anything but beneficent inscription. A very different record—more different than it need be, to the shame of the city fathers be it said—was proposed. First,—and this was twenty-six years ago,—Pine Farm at West Newton bade thirty boys welcome. Four years ago Rock Lawn Farm at Foxboro, with a capacity for twenty-five boys, was established, and gave an opportunity to assign to it the younger boys, from seven to ten or eleven years of age, and

to Pine Farm the elder, from ten or eleven to thirteen or fourteen. Two years ago the Home at Weston was opened, where fifteen boys of medium grade as to age and character are received. So at these three little rural training Homes seventy boys — “truant,” wayward, unmanageable, or dishonest boys, a large proportion of whom have been arrested or threatened with arrest — are day by day receiving personal care, are studying and playing and working, and getting ready for an honest and honorable manhood.

These Homes afford a radical illustration of the cottage as compared with the institutional or congregate system of caring for such youth. Though at either place there is land enough for the three Homes, yet each is absolutely distinct, each miles away from the others. In some institutions for juvenile offenders the authorities have abandoned, as the State has at Westboro, as Boston has *not* at Deer Island, the congregate for the cottage system. But as, so far as I know, even in such instances there are groups of cottages near one another, I am inclined to think that theirs should be called the *cottages* plan, and ours only the *cottage* plan. Pine Farm is, indeed, as little like an institution as we can make it; and as for the Foxboro and Weston Homes, should you drive past either of them, you would think you had simply caught a glimpse of an old-fashioned family.

From parents, other relatives, and guardians, we collected last year for the board of boys at these Homes over \$1,200, — a small sum in comparison with the cost of the three Homes, but yet an amount, both in itself and for the effect upon parents and relatives, worth the effort of obtaining it.

From the training Homes the boys go to private families, chiefly in the country, where more than seventy-five of them are now watched over by the Society. At the expiration of the period for which they have been surrendered to the Society, they usually return to the city; and here fifty “graduates,” as we call them, are now the objects of our continued interest. Over five hundred graduates of the Homes have grown up and passed entirely from our care.

Wayward girls, also, if not over thirteen or fourteen years of age, are received. They are boarded in private families in the care of good women, and visited from time to time by the lady directors of the Society. Since this plan was adopted ten years ago, only a few more than a score of girls have been taken in charge ; but for each of these the work has meant rescue from moral ruin. How to reach a larger number of the wayward girls is one of our unsolved problems.

Moral rescue, again, is the purpose of our "probation" work. An agent of the Society attends the municipal criminal court daily, gives bonds for juveniles placed on probation, visits them in their homes, and by personal influence and guidance seeks to save them from evil careers. Thirty such children are under our care.

But the work of the Society now embraces exposed as well as wayward children. Preventive effort cannot take the field too soon. Here, again, we aim at simple and natural methods. The children are placed in families at board, free of charge, or for adoption, and some of the elder ones receive wages. We have twenty boys and girls in free homes ; and forty are boarding in private families, at an expense of \$4,000 a year, of which the Society pays between \$1,000 and \$1,500, and parents, other relatives, and guardians the remaining \$2,500 to \$3,000. Here is an "Institution" of no ordinary character : it shelters sixty children, yet you cannot find it ; its beauty — ay, and its efficacy — lie in its concealment. Will you insist on knowing its location, and going to see it? You must learn half a hundred addresses, and travel many a road. But, if you visit it, you will surely come back a convert to the doctrine that for neglected and homeless children home life is far preferable to residence in an institution.

A still further and important step was taken by the Society in making its central office, now at 43 Charity Building, a Bureau of Information, to which the case of any needy child may be reported for investigation, advice, appropriate reference to other agencies, or special help. From thirty to fifty new cases, involving the interests of half as many more children, are reported to the Bureau of Information every

month. What is done with them would be, indeed, a long story to tell. Perhaps we merely give information or advice. We may suggest plans that have not occurred to people who have long fought against odds, and become blinded by the smoke of the battle, and are distracted and defenceless and resourceless. The needs of a large proportion are met by the special departments of our own work that I have described. Others we refer to one and another of the various public and private sources of relief, being careful always to refer them, first of all, to the sources of relief within *themselves* and their own families and relatives and friends. Or, if there is no existing agency to which we may direct them appropriately, we become forthwith an *emergency society*, ready to do whatever possible thing may be necessary or advisable. So we stand between the total needs of the needy children and the total humane forces of the community, to bring the latter into the best possible service of the former.

But I have yet to chronicle the last effort made by the Society to get at the very root of our problem,—the work in the homes of the poor. Here preventive effort has its golden opportunity. The introduction is not wanting. The latch-strings of the homes of the poor are out to such as bring them — “Home Libraries”! A bookcase, filled with fifteen books and a supply of juvenile magazines, like the one you see [on a table at the left of the speaker stood a Home Library, tastefully decorated with flowers], is placed upon the wall of the living-room of the home. Some trustworthy boy or girl in the family from ten to fourteen years of age serves as librarian, and the group of readers consists of ten boys and girls from the neighborhood from seven or eight to fifteen or sixteen years of age. For each library there is a volunteer visitor, who meets the children at the regular weekly exchange of books, becomes acquainted with them, encourages intelligent and thorough reading, arranges pleasant outings, teaches home games, induces the children to save their pennies and open accounts at the savings-

banks, and enters in a hundred ways helpfully into the lives of the youthful readers. The visitors make monthly reports in writing, and hold a monthly conference. A set of books and papers, when read, is exchanged for a fresh supply. Not a book is placed in the libraries that one would not be willing his own son or daughter should read. When the readers reach young manhood and womanhood, and are graduated, so to speak, from these juvenile libraries, there will be placed in their hands selected lists of books, with the numbers that these books bear in the public library and its branches. The first of the Home Libraries was established three years ago. There are now thirty-seven.

Here, again, is an "Institution" that rears no proud front to the public gaze, that he who runs may remark it. You must go up and down many byways,—to say nothing of flights of stairs,—to find its hiding-places. Quietly in humble homes it is invoking the spirit of good and exorcising the spirit of evil. It has thrown down the gauntlet to the powers of darkness; and vice and crime, foul sights and sounds, shall find it a desperate foe to conquer if — I leave you to complete the sentence; for I am sure you know that a society can do nothing unless the community help it. God may give the increase, but *Paul must plant and Apollos must water.*

After a song entitled "All Seasons," by the fifteen boys from the Weston Home, the President introduced Rev. Reuen Thomas, D.D., pastor of the Harvard Congregational Church of Brookline.

ADDRESS OF REV. REUEN THOMAS, D.D.

A cause like this takes possession of one's heart, especially if one has been, as I have been this afternoon, to Pine Farm, and looked into the work there and into the faces of these boys that have sung to us to-night. One sometimes has theories about prison work, about how to prevent people from being jail-birds. I have been in prison several times,

trying to carry out the feeling of personal helpfulness toward individuals who have been incarcerated. Now, it is very excellent work, if we can take a man *after* he has been in prison and do this and that with him. But there are two doors to our prisons. There is a front door and a back door. I think we need to stand more at the front door,—not less frequently at the back, but more at the front.

Now, it seems to me that a man very often can do nothing after he has been in prison except steal; or, if he is to begin a new life, he must break with all and every one he has known in the past, and emigrate to some other place. His difficulties are far greater than we assume.

But now suppose you can meet the boys and girls at the front door of the prison, and not allow them to get in at all. Take them into home life, and bring to bear upon them the influence of men and women such as I have found at Pine Farm. Suppose you can teach them what home life really is, and what their own defective home life has not taught them. Is there not in this method wisdom as well as goodness?

There was a little fellow singing to-night in that first company which came upon this platform. He wore a bright gold-lettered bit of ribbon on his coat. That ribbon was a mark of honor. Not long since that little fellow was taken to Pine Farm because twice he, with others, had broken into a house. His own father declared him to be "the most devilish boy in Boston." In a little while, under the influence of love and kindness, he became quite another boy. As you have seen, he is now on the roll of honor.

Well, what you can do with one case you can do with many others. I remember my friend Dr. Macleod, of Liverpool, saying of Dr. Mozley, of Oxford, that a young, bright girl was sent to him, as he wanted domestic help. But the person who sent her, after writing in English about her in a general way, added the words in Greek: "Be very careful. She comes of a bad lot." But, in spite of the Greek caution, he took her; and she became an exceedingly useful member in the family.

By and by she asked him if he could help her brother, a youth who wanted outdoor work. The brother turned out as well as the sister did. A few years after this gentleman was wandering over England, and he went to see a new church in course of erection, and who should be the architect of that church but the brother of this girl whom he had taken into his service; yet they both "came of a bad lot." Now, have you not thought it very singular that Browning, in "The Ring and the Book," should have made that exquisite creature, Pompilia, "come of a bad lot"?

My friends, those who have in their hearts the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ have something which keeps them from easily yielding to despondency and despair. That gospel, in order to its full development of power, seems to require certain things. It requires mental training. It requires opportunity to be industrious. It requires home life. I thought, when I came away from Pine Farm to-day, that, if I had plenty of money and wanted to use it to the best advantage, wanted to be truly philanthropic, I should establish a farm like Pine Farm.

The good men and women who are doing this glorious work must succeed and are succeeding. Pessimism is so very easy, optimism is so very hard. We find in our newspapers so much wrong-doing in society that we are apt to become pessimistic, and we need to fight against this tendency. I think often of Carlyle, the great pessimist of the nineteenth century, the man who could not see people accurately until he got them at a sufficient distance for a historical perspective. Then he could see them more as they were. I often think of him walking those London streets, despising and scorning so much, yet encouraging himself in God. The thought of the great eternity lying all around us, full of all magnificent possibilities, pressed ever upon his consciousness; and the words of Goethe were ever in his memory and on his lips. They are as good for us as for him: we can encourage ourselves with them in our toil and labor:—

"Here eyes do regard you
 In Eternity's stillness;
 Here is all fulness,
 Ye brave, to reward you.
 Work, and despair not."

The next speaker was Rev. Charles G. Ames, pastor of the Church of the Disciples, Boston.

ADDRESS OF REV. CHARLES G. AMES.

My first duty and pleasure is to thank those who are doing for us all this beautiful and holy work. My next is to take advantage of this opportunity to make a certain distinct impression which has been made deeply on myself during recent years in some experience with similar work in another State.

Here we are, a pleasant company of ladies and gentlemen in a public hall, with never a policeman in sight; and we manage to behave pretty well. We credit ourselves with a certain respectable standing with ourselves, each other, and the community. How came it all about that we are such nice people? Most of us, I dare say, had a fair start. Victor Hugo says that "all the vagabondage of the world begins in neglected childhood." We were not exactly neglected. We had a fair measure of protecting care, kindly love, wise guidance, firm and gentle restraint. We found ourselves at first in families, recognized, considered, welcomed,—welcomed before we knew it; and we grew up with a sense of belonging to some group of human beings,—of being accepted, of having our place in a human world unquestioned, with something of cordiality in the atmosphere, something of love, of sympathy. And, as we grew older, we found our home in this larger family, the community, still recognized and welcomed, our opportunity expanding, and no end of helps for all gentle, genial forms of culture, physical, intellectual, moral, divine. You see how it came about that we are no worse than we are. No one has made the best

possible use of these magnificent advantages and opportunities ; but they have done something for us.

Suppose we had missed them,—suppose we might have been kept alive by coarse shelter, food, and garments, so that we did not die like outcast kittens or puppies, but with coarse companionship had lived along on the ragged edge of misery ; suppose we had missed the protecting care, love, and guidance of a good home, the gracious companionship of people better and wiser than ourselves, and all the advantages which good society—so called—supplies, who can tell into what bottomless pit of evil and misery we might have dropped ?

Now we are here to consider what our duty is toward the class of children who have missed just those advantages which have been so good for us,—not missing them through their own fault generally ; not always through the fault of their parents ; or, if their parents were at fault, still that fault was shared by society through its own imperfections, which make it difficult for those of feeble intelligence, and often for those of good purpose, to take care of those dependent on them.

What is the best thing we can do for such destitute, exposed, neglected children ? Our own experience gives the answer. It is the method of Providence : “He setteth the solitary in families.” We were set in families, and that was the making of us. Our duty, then, is to study how we may put these poor children, whether juvenile offenders or otherwise, in conditions which approach as nearly to good, well-ordered, and wholesome domestic life as possible. This means a minimum of official routine, or red-tape methods, and it means a maximum of humanity ; that is, direct personal relation with the children, of a humane and improving sort, such as comes into the life of a good wholesome household. The children are to be passed to these conditions by methods found most wise and expedient. It means that we shall relieve them entirely of the stigma of pauperism, of being a dependent, vagabond class. It means that we shall

put them in the way to take their places in the community as we did when we graduated out of childhood and youth into manhood and womanhood, and that there shall be no obstacle placed in their path to an honorable career.

It is my belief, based on some observation, that a good home is better than a good institution ; that a poor, second-class family is better than a poor institution ; but that a good institution is better than a poor family. The orphanages and other institutions for children have grown up, because it has not been thought possible to prevent the domestic life of children who are "placed out" from being a new source of misery and exposure. A wise woman in Philadelphia, who has handled the wards of the Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania for a course of years, says that, out of 4,700 applicants to take children free, nearly 4,000 were desirous to secure a cheap servant,—to catch a child and train that child for a menial, without reference to its welfare, but with reference to the pecuniary advantage that might be gained ; to train a slave for the household. My ox must draw as big a load as I please. My horse I can whip. My dog I can kick. The apprenticeship system, by which children were formerly bound out in Pennsylvania and New England, consigned thousands to this kind of fate ; and to save them from it institutions became a sort of necessity, in the view of philanthropists. But it has long been felt that the institution was the second-best plan, always inferior to the placing of the children in good families.

The Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania, with which I have had some relations, aims to do that best thing for the children, never placing them even temporarily in institutions, except where they need special treatment because of moral or physical depravity or disease. It finds a good family for every one, taking great pains in selecting these homes, retaining the legal guardianship of all children not adopted, changing their place in case of need, and following each case with kindly supervision.

It is asked if this is the most economical method. The

most "economical" method is to chuck them out of sight into any house or hole that will receive them ; but that is an economy that must be paid for dearly when they become a public pest and peril. The Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania has, however, proved that its method is more economical in dollars and cents than the common method of establishing institutions whose plant involves a large sum, and whose continued support involves a continued outlay. The average expenditure for placing out 296 children and paying their board, including those placed out free of charge in carefully selected families, was less than fifty cents a week. For many of them, support was secured by finding employment for their mothers ; while others, once properly placed, were soon made welcome without cost or gradually adopted, and thus taken off the expense list. The method of that society secures family life for a great number of children.

I believe that among the two millions of inhabitants of this State there are thousands of wholesome, well-ordered homes, well appointed in all ways, where children might be received either freely or on nominal board for a time, so that all the homeless children of the State might be absorbed and provided for. But this means the rousing of the parental feeling on the part of the community, so that it shall be a fashion to adopt children,— a noble, Christian fashion, would it not be? The children who have lost their proper belongings and domestic relations are now *our* children, children of the whole community ; and, when the whole community realizes this fact, the opening of hearts will secure the opening of doors.

Indeed, I venture to ask if normal, healthful home life is not the natural remedy for even the wayward children. "Juvenile offenders," are they? Very likely. Most of us were. How were *we* rescued from a possible career of crime? Parental kindness may prove as good for these as it has proved for us : therefore, they must be cared for by the parental method. "But they are 'a bad lot': many of them

come of depraved stock, and are tainted in their blood." Indeed! May we take this for granted because their parents were poor? Is not bad blood a rather common inheritance? Let us frankly recognize our relationship: "the least of these," and the lowest, are our brethren. We must take them into the family.

I rejoice that the Boston Children's Aid Society feels and shares the general movement of modern child-saving, which is toward the family plan, pure and simple.

The twenty-five boys from Rock Lawn Farm marched into the hall, and sung with a will "Jack Frost," after which the smallest boy of the group, in a few verses in behalf of himself and his companions, bade the audience "Good-night."

Hon. Robert Treat Paine, a Vice-President of the Society, was then introduced.

ADDRESS OF HON. ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

It has been a pleasure to me to be one of the workers in this Society for half a generation,—a pleasure inherited from my mother, one of its founders, who loved it, I think, more than any other work of her life.

The Children's Aid Society started, in 1864, to take a few boys in danger, and remove them to the clear, bracing air of the country.

Five years ago the need of going deeper into this child problem was so strongly felt that steps were taken to begin a more aggressive work in and through the city.

In a happy moment for our society, and for the city of Boston and for the work of rescuing child life, Mr. Birtwell was appointed our general agent.

Gradually, the work has grown until it has attained the magnitude of to-day, when not so much what is actually done as what we see can be done and needs to be done looms up before our Society; and we seek to secure the aid and financial support of good men and women as well as the city's intelligent co-operation.

The Society began with Pine Farm for thirty boys, and has now also Rock Lawn Farm for twenty-five boys, and our Weston Farm for fifteen more ; but the conviction has grown strong that in some way the strength of the Society has got to be brought to bear also upon child life here in the city.

Mr. Ames has just spoken about the start in life. What phase of this problem is more terrible than to see children growing up in homes of vice and neglect, handicapped in the race of life? Compare them with the children who grow up in our homes, with every possible advantage. We meet to-night to see what can be done to take away this handicap, and to give these children a fair start in life.

The glory and the joy of these days of ours in this last quarter of the nineteenth century are found in movements like this of our Children's Aid Society,—movements not content with any mere hospital treatment of bodily sickness, but which demand a thorough study of the whole social problem, and especially of its injustices; which demand not merely charity, or rather I would say not so much charity, as justice, first of all and before all else; which demand that the intolerable wrong shall be wholly done away that starts a certain large percentage of the children of the city under foul conditions of life, surely promising evil fruit.

The new charity of our day, sweeping up and down Great Britain and across this continent, is not, as some suppose, mere machinery or red tape, nor is it content merely to bring agencies of relief into harmonious co-operation. Its supreme purpose is to establish more humane, or, rather, more divine, relations between those who are well-to-do and those in distress, to dispel apathy, to create sympathy, to build up the consciousness of solidarity, to make the rich feel their duty to be personal friends of the poor, to make life full of the relations of personal service.

Three potent and continuous causes of the evils of society are soon discovered :—

Foul tenements in crowded slums.

Rum-shops, creating crime and vice.

Neglected child life.

The challenge is thrown out to the community to remove these causes, if it can.

We rejoice to hear to-night that Harvard College is sending many young men to our aid. May we not hope that Professor Peabody will have classes, increasing in numbers, interested in this work, and that all the young men of Harvard will be permeated with this spirit, and feel their relation to the great social problems of life?

Dr. Thomas has said that he should like to found another Pine Farm. To me the best institution] is no institution at all. While Pine Farm is admirable, while we need several of such Homes for temporary resting-places for the wayward children, yet in my judgment the shorter time the children stay there, the better. My feeling is very strong that, if we can pass the children forward from a brief rest in such Homes as Pine Farm to a selected Christian family in the country, where they will be under the influence of a father and mother, and get a new environment, so will they get the best start in life.

Now this means a great work. It means summoning the country to help the city. We in the city are incompetent to deal with this problem. We cannot take care of these children and make good citizens out of them in Boston. They are subject to such temptations that the problem is hopeless, if it is only to be solved here or in other great cities.

But, if children can go to selected homes where they will be free from dangerous influences and under the protecting care of a kind father and mother, I will not believe that there is a single one of them who cannot be saved.

Aiming to do this great work, a work of much detail, a "Bureau of Information" has been created by Mr. Birtwell, with a paid staff under him, on whom the burden is placed of finding homes enough, and having them ready, selected and known, so that, if a boy is brought into the office to-

morrow morning at nine o'clock, within an hour, if need be, that boy can be on the cars, going to a home where a father and mother will welcome him.

We must find in the towns of the Commonwealth a large number of good citizens who will help. Some of them have to be paid for boarding children; but, surely, the time will come when homes enough in the country can be found to welcome without pay the children from the city who need to be rescued.

Is that too much to hope? This is what we are entitled to ask: this is the appeal which we in the city send out to those in the country, to help in this work, and to do it gratuitously.

Well, if that cannot be done, or so far as it cannot be done, a sum of money is to be paid weekly, as Mr. Birtwell has explained, for the board of the children. Through the year that mounts up to thousands of dollars, a large part of it paid by the parents or other relatives of the children themselves.

A half-dozen years ago \$5,000 was needed yearly to maintain this Society in effective work. \$20,000 was paid out last year, contributed by friends — not by a large number — who knew about the beneficent work.

So one of the appeals which we make to-night is to get that financial support which will enable the Society to do in the future all that it has done this year, and vastly more.

I have spoken of the three great causes that are at work to produce this destitution and crime in city life. With a brief word further about these great causes, let me close.

Surely, we shall all agree that the drinking saloons are a potent cause of trouble. About this it is hardly necessary to speak to a Boston audience.

Another great cause is the vile homes in which many of our poor people are living. Boston is no worse than other cities, although we have some slums which seem to me, on the whole, as hopeless for a family to grow up in as any I have seen anywhere in the world. New York is, perhaps,

the most hopeless city, owing to its location and the great height of its tenements; but, so far as I have seen, Boston is next in our country.

Not that I would imply that things are growing worse with us. I rejoice to know from personal observation that they are improving. But we still have Quiet Alley—curiously so called—and Albany Place and Chapel Place, and many more such places, every one of which is a disgrace to civilization, and no one of which has a right to exist with a human family of souls living in it. They will be exterminated when the deliberate judgment of Boston supports the Board of Health in vacating such places as unfit for human habitation. But there they are to-day; and, so long as they exist, they will be factories, not running under an eight-hour law, but all the twenty-four hours of the day, to produce crime and misery, and to drag down child life at its start.

The neglect of children in their youth is the third great cause of our social troubles. To remove this cause, and rescue the children in our city from wretchedness and degradation, is what we have met for to-night, in the hope of interesting the citizens of Boston.

The closing address was then made by Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D., rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

ADDRESS OF REV. PHILLIPS BROOKS, D.D.

I am very grateful to be allowed to say a few words at the close of this meeting. Such a meeting, which brings the work of any society before the great body of our fellow-citizens, has its purpose in this: that it takes those principles which are apt to be hidden under details and lost in the machinery of the association, and brings them forth clearly, and lets us feel the spirit that pervades the whole institution. I cannot but feel that all that has been said and all that our eyes have seen in the children that are in the care of this Society have impressed us with a certain sense of hopefulness which we cannot but carry away with us. There are certain

institutions whose influences we feel, to which we make our contributions, and in which we take a continual interest, but in which there is a certain tone of despair; but anything that touches the life of children, that deals with the beginning of life, cannot help being hopeful. It is as if you should drop something into the fountain which should rush on in the stream and go into the fields and make them richer. It is a joy to do something which shall not merely touch the present, but shall reach forward to the future. It gives us pleasure to feel that we have some connection with that future which we shall not live to see, but can feel now trembling in the things under our feet, and which our hands are touching every day.

One thing which has impressed us to-night has been the simplicity and naturalness, and therefore the hopefulness, of the methods which this Society follows. The child is born into a human family; it has a father and mother, however unworthy they may seem to be for the intrusting of an immortal soul to their care. But that is not the end of its association. Shall we think of that which has been done for the poor child whose father and mother have deserted it, or who have been taken away from it, as unnatural? It is a perfectly natural thing that the society into which a child is born should come and enfold itself around a child's life. A child who is born in Boston to-day is, in the first place, the child of the father and mother who have given it life; then it is the child of the State, of the community; then it is the child of this larger humanity which is represented in the community. The first relation, of the father and mother to whom the child is given, is real; the second and third, those larger and larger relations, are also real and genuine, not merely artificial. The child is the child of the State, of its country, of humanity, as well as the child of the father and mother into whose care it is God-given. The family is the immediate representative of that larger association to which the child belongs. The little household of Nazareth which folded itself about the life of the infant Jesus, in the first

place, was the representative of the larger life of Judaism, which was the representative of the larger life of humanity, — that humanity for whose salvation he came. And, therefore, when father and mother are taken away or prove unworthy, and the State comes forward in the person of you, its citizens, and folds its life about the child, and humanity comes forward in the person of you, its citizens, and folds its larger life about the child, it is not something unnatural and artificial: it is the larger responsibility coming in and manifesting itself in a more distinct and special responsibility. It is the town owning what it owes to that child life; it is humanity exercising its functions toward this child which was born after long generations as the latest of the children of the human race. It is hopeless unless we can feel that it is something genuine, something true, which has its root in the real principle of things.

We have had suggested to us to-night the different motives with which a society, which represents the community and humanity, gives itself to the care of the child. I do not see how we can ever be satisfied until we come to the largest and deepest motives. We do not disown economic considerations; we do not disown those facts which show that the loss of a child's life is a loss to the community, if it grow up in evil ways,—the loss of that which the child might do and be, or what it might contribute if it grew up with the proper development of its special human life, which is different from the life of any other human creature that has ever lived. There *is* a distinct loss and harm to the social organism, and the political organism is called upon to consider what the nation, the State, and humanity suffer if a single child is allowed to drop that fruitfulness out of its life or turn it into mischief. Let us be social economists by all means. Let us consider the waste of allowing a child's life to go to ruin.

Then there are the humane sentiments. There is that instinctive pity which springs up in the human heart when it thinks of the misery into which the innocent child life is

plunged without any mitigation. The poor little child is ruined before the first smile has dawned on its lips. It has grown old before it has ceased to be a baby.

We pity the suffering of the child; but we must not stop before we go beyond that, and feel the deep religious motive that must underlie all the help which we try to give to the children of men, and especially to these younger children in whom the simple fact of their humanity is the prominent thing. It is the essential value of human nature which makes their suffering. If they were not the children of God, capable of such divine life and beauty, we could not picture it to ourselves as so absolutely horrible. It is only when the profound Christian revelation of the essential worth of human nature takes possession of the Christian world that we shall undertake and successfully accomplish that which it is in our power to do. It must rest upon this consciousness that every lowest child of man is also the child of God. It is the great power of Christian civilization, of Christ in the hearts of men, that is asserting this infinite, this unspeakable value,—a value which is worthy of all the sacrifice that these men and women engaged in the work of this Society are making, and that others are making, for what men in other days in their forgetfulness of the greatness, the divineness of human nature, have dared to call worthless. It is the growing Christ in the manhood of our time that is declaring that every human creature is worthy of the personal sacrifice—who shall not say even unto death?—of the noblest of God's children. To give one's self, the greatest for the least, that was the beginning, and it shall be the end, of the dispensation by which God in Christ is training men.

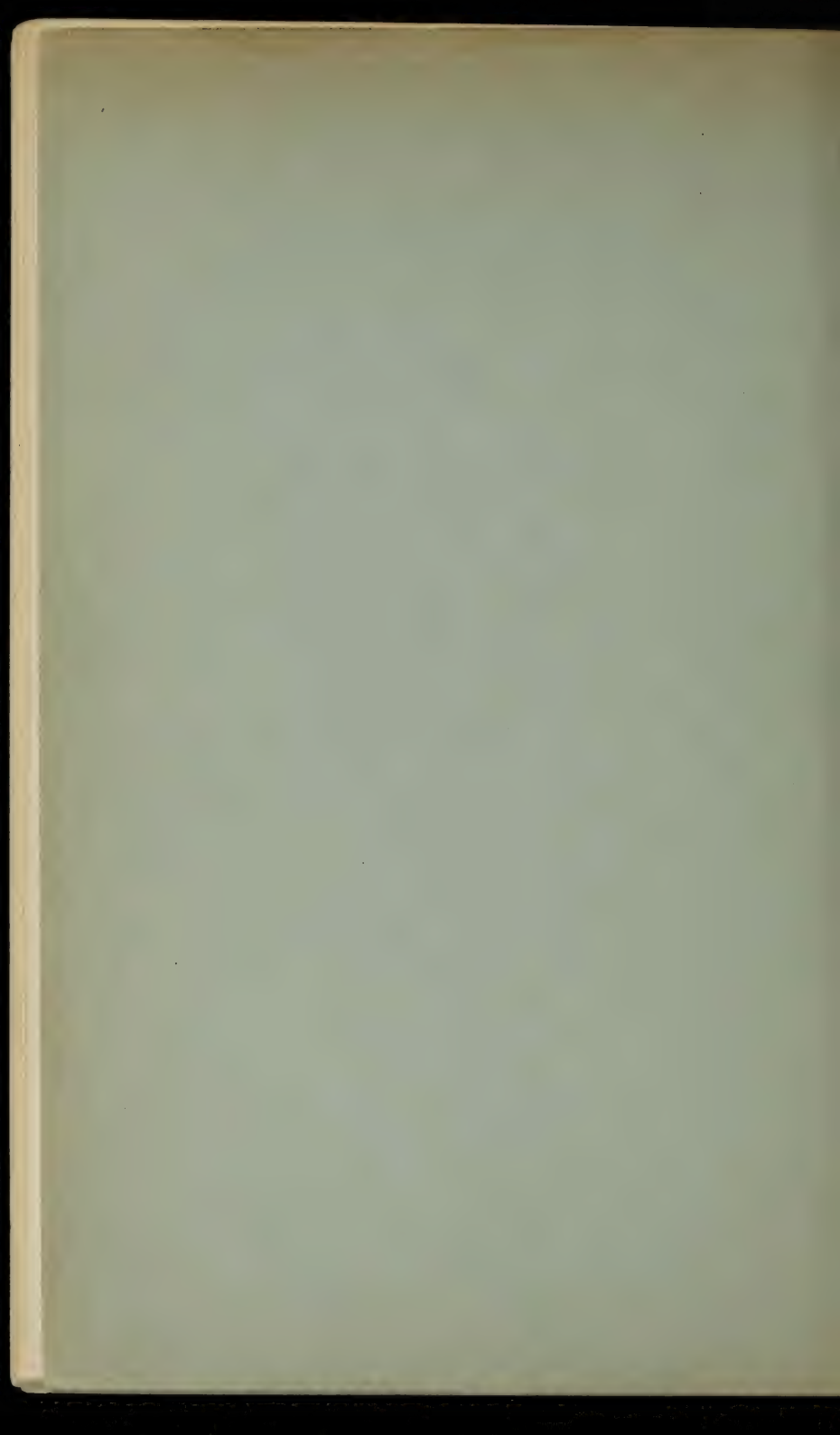
Shall it not be the result of such a meeting as this, that this no slight representation of the citizens of Boston should agree that this shall not be the work of the few, but that the work of the few shall be made the work of the many, and that those who cannot give their personal time and thoughtfulness and care shall see to it that those who can and will, the consecrated men and women who care for these children

with that fascination with which the child life always touches the maturer life,—that these men and women, for lack of any of the help which money can give them, shall never stay their hands, or limit their plans, or shut out one child from their influence, or delay for a single day the progress of that good work which has in it somewhere hidden the secret of the salvation of the city and these children of the poor?

Money may be sent to Edward Jackson, Treasurer, 146 Franklin Street, Boston; and checks should be made payable to him.

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I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated March 24, 1865, the sum of
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GENERAL STATEMENT OF METHODS.

1. — A BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

The case of any destitute, exposed, defective, or wayward child, if brought to our attention, will be investigated. Information and advice will be given, or assistance rendered through our various departments, or obtained through other agencies, as may be fitting.

2. — A PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

A. — *Homeless Children*. — Boarding and free homes in private families are provided for exposed, destitute, or homeless children, and the interests of the children guarded by constant supervision. When board is paid, relatives contribute according to their ability, as learned by careful investigation. The Society places approved homes at the disposal of other societies, boards of overseers of the poor, and private individuals, and, if desired, supervises the children placed in them.

B. — *Wayward Girls*. — Girls, usually not over fourteen years of age, who are truant, "stubborn and disobedient," dishonest, or inclined to evil ways, are placed in good private homes. Board is paid until the girls improve in character, and become self-supporting. Relatives pay according to ability. Thorough supervision is maintained.

C. — *Wayward Boys*. — "*Pine Farm*," "*Rock Lawn Farm*," and the "*Weston Home*." — Boys under fourteen years of age, who are dishonest, confirmed truants or runaways, unmanageable at home, under arrest or threatened with arrest, most of whom otherwise would be committed to the Juvenile Reformatory Institutions on Deer Island, receive discipline in our three small rural training-schools preliminary to being placed in families. "*Pine Farm*," at West Newton, accommodates thirty boys; "*Rock Lawn Farm*," at Foxboro, twenty-five; and the "*Weston Home*," at Weston, seventeen, — in all, seventy-two. Relatives pay according to ability. When fitted, the boys are placed in good families, chiefly on farms, where the work of moral improvement goes on under the supervision of the Society, and amid the healthful influences of home life.

3. — PERSONAL WORK IN THE CITY.

A. — “*Graduates.*” — Boys who, after passing through the training-schools, and staying in families in the country until the expiration of the time for which they were surrendered to the Society, have finally returned to their own people in the city, are advised and helped in getting well started at the time of their return, and are subsequently visited, and in various ways urged and helped to make the most of themselves.

B. — *A Probation Agency.* — An agent of the Society attends the municipal criminal court daily, serves as bondsman for juveniles who are placed upon probation, visits them in their homes, receives them in his own home, and, by personal influence and guidance, seeks to rescue them from the evil careers toward which they are tending.

C. — “*Home Libraries*” are established in the homes of poor and morally exposed children. Ten children in the same neighborhood draw books and periodicals from a library placed in the home of one of their own number who serves as librarian. A set of books and papers, when read, is exchanged for a fresh supply. Forty-nine libraries are now in use. For each library there is a volunteer visitor, who, as a friend of the children, meets them at the regular weekly exchange of books, encourages intelligent reading, teaches home amusements, urges savings, and the opening of accounts at the savings’ bank, and in these and other ways seeks the improvement of the children and their home life.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

JUNE 1, 1890, TO OCTOBER 1, 1891.

What is the province of a Children's Aid Society? What may properly be its purpose, its programme, its hope? Is the work it does, or may do, of vital concern, not merely to the few, but to all? In fine, how lightly or how seriously shall we regard that work, some edge of which this Society has already touched, the heart of which it seeks to penetrate.

Life ought to be worth living to all. How it may become so is the social problem. The first adequate inquiry into the life of the people in a great city, that of Mr. Charles Booth, in London, shows that in that metropolis thirty in every hundred of the population are poor or criminal. So, too, in our American cities, ugly facts stare us in the face, and every thoughtful person is asking how folly, injustice, indecency, misery may be done away with, and the modes of individual and social life become in every way admirable.

Now, the child problem is an integral part of this whole vital and urgent social question. How are the melancholy ranks of the pauper, the criminal, the vicious, recruited? Is it not from "the vagabondage of childhood," from the moral exposure of innocent children and susceptible youth, from "the dwarfing of childhood by physical and spiritual night"? The province of a Children's Aid Society, therefore, is to assist the community to see how far the percentage of poor and criminal may be beaten down, on the one hand by specific work for children and youth, and on the other by such reorganization of the life of the community as may remove the very causes of their degradation. Who shall say how far the number of the wretched might be reduced if, first, every friendless and exposed child should be given such

protection and opportunity as an informed and determined community has the power to afford; and if, secondly, the causes that lie back of juvenile exposure should be sought out, and their due recognition secured in education, in industry, in the home, in the Church, in our courts of justice, in State and municipal government, in public opinion, — in a word, in all the fundamental institutions of society?

It is by work for individual children that this Society is seeking to carry out the first part of the programme outlined; and it is in such work that we are gaining the information necessary for the second part of that programme.

THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

This inductive method of work and study is made feasible by our Bureau of Information, to which the case of any needy child may be reported for investigation, advice, the assistance of our own special departments, appropriate reference to other agencies, or special help. It is through the establishment of this Bureau of Information that the Society has come into that practical and many-sided contact with the child-problem from which has grown its wider and still widening work.

Owing to the end of the Society year being put forward four months, the present report covers sixteen months, from June 1, 1890, to October 1, 1891. Hereafter the fiscal and working year of the Society will extend, not from June to June, as heretofore, but from October to October.

During this period of sixteen months the Bureau of Information has been called upon to consider specifically the cases of eight hundred and fifty-eight children, — five hundred and twenty-three boys and three hundred and thirty-five girls. These were disposed of as follows: Information or advice given, three hundred and fifty-two; referred to other agencies, one hundred and eighty; referred to special departments of our own work, three hundred and eight. The remaining cases of eighteen children were pending October 1, 1891.

The investigation that precedes the giving of advice involves much labor and thought. In many cases only this reënforce-

ment of information and suggestion is needed to enable the distressed to carry their burdens, and not fall under them, or throw them upon others. Reference is made to other agencies only upon the fullest information concerning both the cases themselves and the methods and character of such agencies. In all cases, whether advised, or referred, or taken in charge by ourselves, records are kept of the original investigation, of our own action, and of the results. A body of information is thus being created, from which, as our hands are strengthened for that combined work and study which is our aim, we may hope not only to do a work a thousand times worth the doing in and of itself, but also to contribute to that knowledge of causes, conditions, methods, and results, from which may come the enrichment of the whole programme of preventive effort.

THE PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

The work of the Placing-Out Agency falls under three heads: 1. Homeless children; 2. Wayward girls; 3. Wayward boys.

1. HOMELESS CHILDREN.

Homeless children, that is, children who need to be provided with a home, because they are orphans, destitute or morally exposed, are sent directly from the city to families without even temporary detention in an institution, and remain as long as their need continues. This plan is followed with this class of children, no matter how suddenly the need arises, or what the condition of the child, for we find it possible to have at our command homes ready to receive children of various sorts on various terms, the homes being so carefully selected that kind and wise care is ensured. If the children are sent to board, their parents, usually widows or widowers, and other relatives, contribute to the expense of board and clothing according to their ability.

In advocating this method, however, we emphasize the necessity of a most searching investigation of families who offer to

receive children, the invariable rejection of undesirable or doubtful places, and the most thorough supervision of the children placed out.

The following system of investigation has gradually been developed, and has been a chief factor in the success of the work :

We learn of families willing to receive a boy or girl, — to be adopted, or boarded, or given a home free of charge in return for a certain usefulness, — either by direct application to us, or through those with whom we have placed children, or through fellow-townsmen or neighbors of the applicants known to us and interested in the work, or through our assistants as they visit children already placed.

By interviews at the office, by correspondence with the applicants and their references, and by visits to the family, we learn the more patent facts, and whatever else we can about the applicants and the home they offer a child. Our inquiries are guided by a detailed and comprehensive list or system of questions : as to the age, sex, occupation, physical condition, church membership and attendance, character, disposition, habits of each member of the family ; the character, and degree of association with the family, of any employees ; the size of the house, the amount of land and how it is used, the live stock, any special industries, — that we may know the material condition of the family, the work needing to be done, etc. ; the distance to church and schools, the number of weeks per year the latter are in session ; previous experience in the care and training of children ; the motive in taking a child ; the kind of child wanted ; the terms, — as to adoption, rate of board, attendance at school, work required ; reading and companions ; whether the child would room and sleep alone, and, if not, with whom ; whether the child would eat with the family, attend social gatherings with the family, and in every way be treated as a member of the family.

From these inquiries we obtain certain necessary information. But it is idle to think that one can pass judgment upon an application from a mere interview ; that would be to decide about a family simply from the appearance of one or two members of it. It is, also, futile to think that one can surely get an

inner view of a family by a visit; if there is a "skeleton in the closet," it will be concealed at such a time. It is clearly unsafe, too, to rely upon what one may learn from references; we must not count upon a frank and unbiased opinion from them; and if they are not known to us, surely some one in turn must vouch for them.

Where, then, is safety to be found? We answer, above all in the verdict of those persons known to us by independent evidence to be people of character, intelligence, and standing in the community, who have had constant communication with and opportunity to judge the applicants as fellow-townsmen or neighbors year after year. From the list of agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and of auxiliary visitors of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, from the Year-Books of the various religious bodies, from the gazetteers of the States, giving the names of public officials and leading citizens, from physicians named and vouched for by members of their profession in the city known to us in person or by reputation, from people of other professions and callings of whom we learn in a similar way, from persons known and vouched for by the directors or officers or friends of the Society, from people with whom children have already been placed to advantage, we are able for each application to make up a list of several people from whom we may seek information and opinion concerning a family, with the assurance that the information will be trustworthy, and the opinion valuable.

Thus, in each case, we discover sources of information that are independent of the references given by the applicants. The fact that we write to these people without the knowledge of the applicants, and with a pledge that answers will be confidential, gives a strong assurance of frank and truthful replies. What we really do is to summon a family for judgment by a jury of their neighbors, and a jury, too, that although it does not pronounce a verdict under oath, does act with a peculiar freedom from selfish motive of fear or favor to restrain it from an honest, thoughtful, impartial decision. The inquiry made of these people reads as follows: "I am considering the question of placing a child with Mr. and Mrs. A., and am anxious to know whether

a child would have with them a thoroughly happy home, kind care and moral training. To decide this important question I need to know the rugged truth in regard to their home and surroundings. Will you kindly assist me in my inquiry? Your response will be held strictly confidential."

The information and opinions gathered in these various ways and from these various sources are recorded upon cards designed for the purpose. When the inquiry has proceeded far enough, the home that has asked for one of our children is passed upon, and approved or disapproved. If disapproved, a letter is sent, as follows: "I have considered your application, and find that I ought not to send any child to you." In special instances the letter is softened to read thus: "I have considered your application, and find that I shall be unable to send any child to you. I regret the necessity of this decision." The card referred to is so arranged that if the application is approved, and a child is placed in the home, any further information that comes to us in the course of our relations with the family, any changes that may take place in the home, and the entire story of the child's life there, can be recorded as time passes.

Of course many things have to be taken into account in fitting the children to the families; and it is absolutely necessary that we keep in close touch with the families, in order to carry out the purposes of thorough-going supervision. No wisdom, however, in fitting children to places, and no subsequent supervision, can make up for the evils of a slipshod method of inquiry or a lack of real investigation and careful selection of families at the start. On the other hand, the careful preliminary investigation, and the unflinching rejection of all unsuitable or doubtful applications, must be followed by wisdom in matching the children and the families, and by that constant supervision, which good families welcome, and which with such families easily becomes a genuine coöperation between them and us to secure the highest good of the children for whom they and we are together responsible.

The motive, spirit, and varied possibility of the "family-plan" that we advocate will be seen from the following statement, taken for the most part from a circular issued early in the period

covered by this report and distributed among people whose aid was sought in the prosecution of our work :

The Boston Children's Aid Society wishes to find good homes in the city, suburbs or country, where poor children who are homeless, destitute, or exposed, may enjoy a happy and wholesome family life, instead of being subject to the exposure of the streets or the crowded, artificial life of institutions.

Kind care, good example, moral training, real friends, everything, in fact, that a welcome in a good home implies,—this is what we wish to secure for our boys and girls.

We urge you to consider whether your own doors may not be thrown open to rescue, relieve, and protect some unfortunate child, and whether you can tell us of other families with whom these children may perhaps find a welcome. We ask you to help us to find homes of the following kinds :

1. Homes in which children of any age may be adopted.
2. Free homes, that is, homes in which, for either a short time or any term of years, without charge, children may receive board and clothing and attend school.
3. Homes for older boys and girls, where they can make themselves useful in return for board, clothes, and schooling; or, if sufficiently useful, receive wages.
4. Homes in which a mother, bringing a young child with her, may serve as housekeeper or domestic.
5. Homes in which children of any age may be boarded at a moderate price.
6. Emergency homes of two kinds : *A.* Homes to which a child may be sent on short notice, and cared for without charge, or at a moderate price, for a day or two, or a week, or longer, as may be agreed beforehand, until permanent provision can be made for it, — the child being sent clean and in good condition. *B.* Homes to which, in exceptional cases, with or without charge, a child may be sent without notice, to be made clean, put in good condition, and gently and kindly initiated into those decencies of life that, through no fault of its own, it may never have known.

Of the class we are now considering, the Placing-Out Agency has had in its care in families, during a part or the whole of the sixteen months, seventy-seven girls and one hundred and thirty-one boys, — a total of two hundred and eight children. Of this number, fourteen girls and fifty-three boys, or sixty-seven children, were in homes at the beginning of the period, and sixty-three girls and seventy-eight boys, or one hundred and forty-one children, have since been placed.

Of the total of two hundred and eight children, one hundred and seventy-four were boarded for a longer or shorter time. The board of five of these was paid by relatives directly and not

through us. The amount paid for board, clothing, travel, and miscellaneous expenses of the remaining one hundred and sixty-nine was \$11,121.81, of which the Society paid \$4,753.55; benevolent individuals for special children, \$781.03; overseers of the poor and charitable societies, \$448.47; and parents and other relatives, \$5,138.76. The rate of board per week is \$2, except that if the child is under one year of age it is usually \$2.50; in either case, clothing and medical attendance also are paid for by the Society.

During the sixteen months five boys have been transferred to our training-schools for wayward boys; sixty-six boys and girls have been returned to parents; and ten have died.

Twenty boys have been transferred from boarding homes to free homes, and four from free homes to homes where they would earn wages.

The period closes with seven boys and girls of this class in families earning wages, forty-two in free homes, and seventy-eight at board, a total of one hundred and twenty-seven,— forty-one girls and eighty-six boys.

We have not included in the foregoing figures thirty-five children who were sent into the country during the summer for vacations varying in length from one week to two months. They were given these outings through contributions for the purpose from benevolent people and societies.

In the natural evolution of methods has not the time come when, throughout the range of preventive philanthropy, the homeless child, whether temporarily or permanently deprived of its own home, should receive, throughout the entire period of its dependence upon charity, the benefits of home life, and not even for a limited period be put off with any unnatural substitute? Is there any other way in which we can bring into effective play in the lives of these children the all-important influences of domestic life, of school, neighborhood, church, friends, freedom, the open sky, the outer world, the all-round contact with life, without which it is vain to think of building up strong character or preparing for real life?

2. WAYWARD GIRLS.

The children reached by that department of the Placing-Out Agency of which an account has just been given, and, also, by the "Probation" and "Home Libraries" work still to be described, include girls who are morally exposed, neglected, untrained, and even wayward. But certain of the distinctly wayward class,—girls who are truants from home or school, dishonest, "stubborn and disobedient," or inclined to worse forms of evil,—are placed in country homes under the supervision of a committee of women from the board of directors, who have the help, also, of volunteer associate visitors. As a rule, the girls must be not more than fourteen years of age. Payment is made for their board until they become self-supporting. During the sixteen months eighteen girls have been under the care of the committee, five being new cases within this period. One has been married, seventeen remain under the supervision of the committee. Two have been sent temporarily to disciplinary or reformatory institutions, five are wholly self-supporting, two are an expense to the society for clothing only, and eight are being boarded.

3. WAYWARD BOYS.

Pine Farm, Rock Lawn Farm, Weston Home, and the Placing-Out Agency.

Boys under fourteen years of age who are distinctly wayward, who are, for instance, confirmed truants or run-aways, who have stolen, or have become unmanageable, the majority of whom, but for us, would be sent to the Juvenile Reformatory Institutions on Deer Island, receive discipline in our three training-schools preliminary to being placed in families. Pine Farm, at West Newton, accommodates thirty boys; Rock Lawn Farm, at Foxboro, twenty-five; and the Weston Home, at Weston, seventeen.

During the sixteen months fourteen boys have been admitted to Pine Farm, fifteen to Rock Lawn Farm, and seven to the Weston Home,—a total of thirty-six. There are now twenty-three boys at Pine Farm, twenty-four at Rock Lawn Farm, and thirteen at the Weston Home,—a total of sixty.

We have collected from parents and other relatives for the board of boys at Pine Farm the sum of \$1,045.41; at Rock Lawn Farm, \$995.59, and at the Weston Home, \$525.92, — a total of \$2,566.92, very nearly twice as much as last year, although the period covered is only a third longer.

The following is taken from the report of the Superintendent of Pine Farm:

It was practically at the beginning of the sixteen months covered by this report, that Mrs. Piper and myself entered upon our duties as matron and superintendent of Pine Farm. They have been months of anxious care and full of labor.

On the 27th of June, 1891, the house was partially destroyed by a fire that caught in the attic from a burning chimney. Before the fire department arrived, the family and neighbors removed nearly everything from the house, but considerable damage was done. It was not until September 22 that the work of repairing the building was near enough to completion to admit of our moving back into the house. During this interval the farmer, with ten of the boys, slept in the school-house, the rest of the family in a vacant house near by. The meals were prepared in the damaged house, and eaten either there or out in the grove. School was suspended during July and August. We wish to express our gratitude to the fire department for their prompt and efficient services, and also to testify to the faithful work done by the boys, both in saving the property at the time of the fire, and in the work of restoration during the following months.

During the winter months lessons in carpentry have been given to some of the larger boys, which have resulted in their making some excellent settees for the lawn, and vegetable boxes and numerous other articles for use about the farm.

Work has usually been suspended on Saturdays, and the boys have spent the larger part of the time in recreation, foot-ball, base-ball, and other games, and in summer going to the bathing-pond.

Of the moral and religious condition of the school we can speak with great hopefulness. This is manifest in what seems a permanent change for good in the boys, and is further evidenced in the letters of those who have been placed in families.

We enter upon the coming year with renewed confidence and enlarged hope, with a growing love for the work, and in the firm belief that God will bless the efforts put forth here for the reclaiming of His neglected children.

The Committee on Rock Lawn Farm say:

The large, old-fashioned farm-house of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, with a few additions and alterations, still offers a home to twenty-five of our boys, with all the happy and simple surroundings of family life on a farm. Mrs. Morse fills the place of a mother to each boy, and finds time, besides her household cares, to give them thorough and intelligent teaching in all common-school

branches of education, having the gift of arousing and holding their interest to an uncommon degree. She and her assistant make all the clothing for the boys, with the exception of an occasional overcoat; much of it being ingeniously cut over from clothes given by friends, which are always most acceptable. Mr. Morse and his man teach the boys farming and such knowledge of tools as may enable them to repair farm implements and understand mechanical contrivances. Their interest in farming and current events is encouraged by reading the agricultural and weekly newspapers aloud, with explanations and discussion. Every three months each boy's progress is carefully noted, and compared with his previous record, on the whole with encouraging results.

The Committee on the Weston Home report:

The year has been marked by the progress of the boys in school; by their almost universal contentment and happiness in the life at the farm; and by the growing interest of the neighbors in their welfare.

A most harmonious spirit prevails at the Home. Those boys who have been there long enough show a marked improvement in their studies and general conduct, and all are warmly attached to Mr. and Mrs. Ripley.

The three schools, each small and entirely separate from the rest, illustrate a radical type of the cottage method of dealing with wayward lads, a plan between which and the congregate system, unfortunately still so generally in vogue, there is absolutely no comparison. This plan, which may be called the single cottage system, we believe, also, to be an advance upon that modification of the congregate system by which an institution is made up of a group of adjacent cottages under one administrative head and more or less associated together.

From the training-schools the boys are promoted to families, chiefly in the country. Since June 1, 1890, thirty-three boys from the three training-schools have been placed in families, and with three exceptions in homes free of charge. One hundred and fifty boys, placed out in former years or during this period, have come under supervision during the sixteen months. At the present time one hundred and four remain in the care of the department in free homes, and nine in boarding homes.

Fifty-one are earning wages. Twenty have obtained the \$2.50 which one of the directors of the Society offered to add to a similar sum saved by any boy for the beginning of a bank account. Fifty-nine boys have deposited in the bank, during

the sixteen months, a total sum of \$297.47. Ninety-four have now accounts at savings banks with total deposits of \$640.95. Books and subscriptions to magazines and papers have been sent to about half of the boys.

Toward the total expenditure of \$818.92 for board, clothing, travel, and incidental expenses of boys in this department, parents and other relatives contributed \$374.23.

The method of investigation of places that has already been outlined is followed also in this department. The plan of supervision now on trial, and promising most excellent results, is shown by the following circular, first used between three and four months ago :

CONDITIONS UPON WHICH BOYS FROM PINE FARM, AT WEST NEWTON, MASS., ROCK LAWN FARM, AT FOXBORO, MASS., AND WESTON HOME, AT WESTON, MASS., ARE PLACED IN FAMILIES.

The purpose of the following statement is to ensure the fullest understanding of the mutual obligations of the Boston Children's Aid Society and the people who receive the boys into their homes, and to secure that intelligent and hearty coöperation by which alone the real interests of all concerned may be promoted.

I. My assistant, Miss Elizabeth P. Durham, is authorized to arrange terms in detail, as to the time a boy is to remain, his attendance at school, wages, etc., and in any matter, and at all times, to act for me as she may see fit.

II. Boys are expected to write to Miss Durham at least once a month, and persons taking them to report once in two months; and in case of unsatisfactory conduct, more frequently, as may be required.

III. It is expected that the fare of a boy to a place will be paid by the persons taking him, the Society securing, if possible, "half rates" for such fare.

IV. Boys will be sent suitably clothed, and persons taking them will be expected to keep them so clothed during their stay, and to send them away as well clothed as when they came; and this is to be understood to mean, that when a boy remains with a family until young manhood, he is to be clothed in a manner suited to his age and thoroughly sufficient for self-respect.

V. Persons not paying wages, but providing clothing, are expected to keep an account of all money expended, and forward the account to Miss Durham, quarterly or semi-annually, as may be arranged.

VI. If a boy receives wages, an account of expenditures for clothes, etc., must be kept, and sent quarterly to Miss Durham, accompanied by money remaining due, this to be deposited by her in the bank to his credit.

VII. Until a boy has passed the compulsory school age, he must attend school for such time as the law of the State requires, or for such longer time as may be agreed upon; after that age, for such time as may be agreed upon.

With the report to be made once in two months a statement of attendance at school is to be sent to Miss Durham. This statement is to be made on the blank used by the school teacher, if the latter sends such to the family; if not, on blanks furnished by Miss Durham, who will send them on request.

VIII. Boys are to attend church and Sabbath school regularly.

IX. Boys are not to be allowed out alone evenings, and are expected in all ways to be under the same control and discipline as children of the family, and to receive the same care and kindness.

X. No boy is to be allowed to use cider, liquor of any kind, or tobacco.

XI. Boys are not to visit their home or friends without express permission from Miss Durham.

XII. Of course it is understood that boys will remain until the expiration of the time agreed upon. But if conditions are violated, if a boy receives ill treatment, or if it is believed, for any reason, to be for his best good, or if some unforeseen exigency in his family requires such action, he will be removed.

XIII. If a family feel the necessity of the removal of a boy because of his unsatisfactory conduct, they should write Miss Durham, and he will be removed at the earliest convenience of the Society; but sufficient notice must be given, a month if possible, to enable the Society to provide another suitable place, as previous engagements may prevent immediate action. At the same time it should be borne in mind that undue haste in deciding that a complaint must be made against a boy is to be avoided; one must often wait a little while in order to see things truly.

Yet we cannot be consulted too frequently or too frankly in regard to the signs or beginnings of good or of evil in the boys, for we wish to do all that we can to encourage the former, and to discourage the latter.

XIV. In the matter of discipline we do not wish to hamper any one in any way in which he or she would not be hampered in the case of an own son. Yet in regard to corporal punishment, it is to be used, if at all, only as a last resort, after all other means of persuasion and discipline have been conscientiously and persistently tried and have failed. Even then judgment, deliberation, and self-restraint must be exercised.

It is to be understood, too, that no one but the man and woman at the head of the family is to be allowed under any circumstances to inflict corporal punishment upon a boy; and whenever such punishment is resorted to, a report to that effect is to be made promptly to Miss Durham.

XV. Families are urged to keep always in mind the fact that *all* boys are human, and we must therefore expect a fair amount of forbearance to be exercised toward our boys. No less must it be borne in mind that discipline, kindly but firmly enforced, is often a higher kindness than indulgence, and is not inconsistent with due forbearance.

XVI. In a word, what we want for our boys is kind care, good example, moral training, real friends, everything, in fact, that a welcome in a good home implies. For in intrusting a boy, in whose future we are deeply interested, to the care of any family, we necessarily place upon the family the responsibility for his entire moral, physical, and mental training.

THE "GRADUATES."

We apply the term "graduates" to the boys who have passed through the training-schools for wayward boys, been placed in families, and finally, upon the expiration of the term for which they were surrendered to the Society, usually when eighteen years of age, have returned to their own people in the city. A visitor is employed to do personal work among these "graduates." When a boy returns to the city, it is of supreme importance that he shall at once get well started under his new conditions. Here is the visitor's opportunity, which he improves, for instance, by suggestion and help in finding employment, — care being taken not to weaken the boy's feeling of self-dependence; or again, by informing the lad concerning the evening schools, libraries, etc.; or by bringing him into communication with the better elements of the community about him, — the church, it may be, that he may most fitly attend, or that group of people with whom he may naturally and most safely associate; and still further by trying to become such a friend to the boy that the desire of the latter for his good opinion and respect may serve as a deterrent against wrong-doing and an incentive to well-doing. The visitor calls upon the boys in their homes, and receives them in his home. At any and all times they have in him a wise counsellor and a ready and helpful friend. The friendly offices of the visitor are now extended to ninety-four "graduates" of former years and the period now under discussion.

It is to be borne in mind that these boys first came to us because of their waywardness. In spite of us some drift into evil courses, or fall through sudden temptation. But even then the visitor does not lose sight of them. If a boy is committed to a reformatory, the visitor writes to him and receives letters from him, goes to see him, encourages him to do well during his confinement, and again does for him whatever may wisely be done upon his release. Ten of the number are now in such institutions, where seven are conducting themselves with credit, two are doing fairly well, and one not well.

Of the remaining eighty-four boys, fifty-seven are industrious, well-behaved lads; eighteen are doing fairly well; and nine, judged by any sufficiently high standard, are not doing well.

THE PROBATION AGENCY.

The visitor of the "graduates" has had supervision, also, of ninety-six other lads. This number includes thirty-nine boys who, during this period or the preceding year, were arrested and placed upon probation by the courts with our visitor as bondsman; twenty-eight who have been reported to him by truant officers or anxious parents before the actual arrest of the boys in the hope that his counsel and influence may check their downward career; and twenty-nine vagrant or friendless lads, who have been brought to his attention in various other ways.

His methods of work among these boys are substantially those already indicated in the account of his work among the "graduates." In the case of the boys who are met in court he has a peculiar opportunity for timely and valuable service.

In eleven instances the help required was of a temporary nature. Of the remaining eighty-five boys, eight are now in reformatory institutions, where one has improved, three have not improved, and four seem to have grown worse. Of the other seventy-seven boys, fourteen seem to have grown worse; in fourteen we see no change; and forty-nine have improved. Some of the most gratifying work has been done among the boys between ten and fourteen years of age, who have been brought to the notice of the visitor by truant officers or parents when the habit of truancy was forming, and before it had become confirmed.

This department includes the same kind of devoted, personal work on the part of one of our lady assistants for young girls of a similar class. Of the nine girls under her care, three came to her through the criminal courts and six in other ways. One is at present in a reformatory institution, one is at home, where her conduct is still not satisfactory, three have improved, and are doing fairly well, and four show a marked change for the better.

HOME LIBRARIES.

There are nine more libraries in active operation than there were sixteen months ago, so that we have now forty-nine, with forty-four volunteer visitors, and a membership of four hundred and seventy-five children. Each little library of fifteen books and a supply of juvenile magazines and papers reaches not only the family of the girl or boy librarian in the living-room of whose home it is placed, but also other children and families in the same neighborhood, for each reading group consists of ten boys and girls from eight or nine to fifteen or sixteen years of age, living near the librarian.

Each group has its friendly visitor. Once a week the children and the visitor meet in the home of the librarian. Books are exchanged and talked about. Often the visitor or some boy or girl reads to the group. Children are urged to read to their families, and visitors are often told of evenings made pleasant in these homes by the children reading aloud to their parents, — the latter often themselves unable to read.

The greatest care is taken in the selection of books for the libraries. Several volunteers assist in this labor, which involves reading and critically examining many books, as only the best are accepted.

When a set of books has been read by a group, it goes to another group, and another set takes its place. Groups finish a set usually in from ten weeks to three months.

At the weekly meetings games are played, and the children learn the art of self-amusement at home.

Thrift, too, is encouraged. Ten months ago the Society became a "Station" of the "Stamps Savings Society," and began to introduce the "stamps savings" scheme into the libraries. The visitor gives the stamps to the children in return for their pennies. The stamps are then pasted on cards provided for the purpose, and when a child has obtained enough stamps, he presents them to the visitor for redemption, and proceeds to the savings bank with the money, and there opens an account as any other thrifty citizen might do. The collection of the pennies by the purchase of stamps from week to week is again resumed,

until the time comes for another trip to the bank. Already the children have bought stamps to the value of \$541.87. The sum of \$137.75 has been withdrawn, for the most part for purposes known and approved by the visitors. \$404.12 remains to the credit of the children in the form of stamps and on deposit in the savings banks.

Various special festivities and outings have been enjoyed by the children and their visitors at different seasons of the year.

A monthly conference of the visitors is held for the interchange of experiences and discussion of problems and methods. The visitor of a Home Library meets with the whole range of questions arising in work among the poor; and tact, discretion, and intelligence, as well as devotion, are required.

The forty-nine libraries are distributed as follows: At the North End, nine; West End, thirteen; South End, four; Roxbury, ten; Dorchester, three; South Boston, five; East Boston, one; East Cambridge, two; and Cambridgeport, two.

The rescue of children from moral ruin requires above all the purification of the moral atmosphere in which they grow up, and the Home Libraries bring a fresh, strong, and varied influence for good to the home and the neighborhood. Forty-nine libraries cannot cover the needs of this large city. Every neighborhood where poor children are morally exposed should be honeycombed with them. A gift of \$25 for the purpose establishes a new library.

"THE CONFERENCE OF CHILD-HELPING SOCIETIES."

The Society has been glad to unite with other societies in organizing "The Conference of Child-Helping Societies." Its objects are "the discussion of problems relating to the relief, care, education, and protection of dependent, exposed, wayward, and delinquent children, and the recommendation of measures for their welfare." We believe that great good will come from more frequent conference and more united action among the many child-helping agencies of the city.

TRUANCY LEGISLATION.

In 1886, at the instance of the School Committee of Boston, the Legislature passed an act providing that the city of Boston should "establish on the mainland, at some place removed from institutions occupied by criminal or vicious persons," a "school for the confinement, discipline, and instruction" of "truants and absentees from school." The object was the removal of the truant school from Deer Island, and its entire separation, both in location and in administration, from all institutions for criminals, whether adult or juvenile. The Society has twice taken an active part, first in 1890, and again in 1891, in coöperation with the School Committee and the Massachusetts Prison Association, in protecting this legislation against proposed amendments that would have permitted the "House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders," now on Deer Island, to be established, if removed to the mainland, adjacent to and under the same administration as the truant school. Moreover, as the continued failure of the City Government to comply with the requirements of this act has demanded aggressive action in its behalf, the Society has assisted in the agitation for the execution of its provisions, and now, after so long a delay, there seems to be a prospect of the removal of the truant school from Deer Island.

The "House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders," no less than the truant school, should be removed from Deer Island, and its present association with the "House of Industry," where adult offenders of the lowest type are confined. This duty ought at once to be brought home to the City Government, and public interest aroused to secure the early removal of this institution to some suitable location, and its establishment upon the cottage, instead of, as at present, the congregate system.

THE NEED OF TRADES SCHOOLS.

Twice already in our annual reports we have taken occasion to mention the need of some substitute for the apprentice system of years ago. Continued observation serves only to show

even more clearly how urgent is the need of something to take its place. Great industrial and social changes have led to the abandonment of that system. 'Chaos now reigns in the field of juvenile labor. Opportunities to learn trades are few and far between. Boys and girls find no place to get hold. The result is that they work first at one thing and then at another, are alternately employed and idle, gain experience at nothing, make no progress from year to year, and upon arriving at manhood and womanhood find themselves unskilled in any kind of labor, and unable to earn such wages as will make a high standard of living possible for themselves and their families.

It is to be borne in mind in the study of this problem that although the introduction of manual training into our grammar schools will help to prepare our youth for instruction in special trades, it clearly will not furnish such instruction; and that the "High Schools of Manual Training," now being established in many cities, distinctly disavow any intention of teaching specific trades.

It may be found that an American trades school system can be developed that will do much to relieve the situation. Any such system, to be adequate, must meet our boys and girls, especially those who of necessity leave school as soon as the law permits, at the very threshold of the public school, and conduct them to the doors of their respective industrial callings. It must begin where for them the public school leaves off, and leave off where the workshop begins. This interval affords a golden opportunity for preventing the present lamentable deterioration of our youth during these years, and for preparing them to become skilled workers and self-respecting citizens.

SUMMARY, OCTOBER 1, 1891.

The new year opens with two hundred and fifty-five boys and girls under supervision in families, sixty boys in the three training-schools for wayward boys, one hundred and sixty-eight boys and girls under special personal visitation in their own homes, twenty-seven in institutions, twenty miscellaneous

cases requiring attention, and four hundred and seventy-five boys and girls in the Home Libraries,—a total of one thousand and five boys and girls.

The paid working force of the Society, outside of the training-schools, consists of three men and seven women. This number, however, is too small for the great strain of an extensive and very responsible work. It should be augmented as soon as possible. At the same time it is hoped that a still larger use may be made of volunteer service. At present our volunteers are chiefly the Home Libraries visitors, those who help in the Placing-Out Department, and the directors of the Society. We wish to say here that our officers work with the spirit of volunteers, and our volunteers with the diligence of paid workers.

We wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for additional office room; to the Associated Charities, for the information obtained from their Central Office and through conference with their agents and visitors; to the Provident Association, for assistance in fitting out destitute children about to be sent to families; and to many charitable agencies, both public and private, for ready and cordial coöperation. The thanks of the Society are due, also, for free services to Dr. George F. Jelly, Dr. Charles L. Scudder, Dr. Henry Jackson, Dr. Salome Merritt, and Dr. Grace Wolcott, of Boston; Dr. Albert Nott and Dr. C. E. A. Ross, of West Newton; Dr. Lemuel Dickerman and Dr. A. C. Mair, of Foxboro; and Dr. F. W. Jackson, of Weston; for reduced rates to the Boston & Albany, Boston & Maine, Fitchburg, New York & New England, and Old Colony Railroads; and for free excursions to the Bay and the Gloucester Steam Boat Companies.

COST.

Every effort is made to administer the funds of the Society economically. The care taken not to assume recklessly the charge of any child, to the relief of those who ought to support it, is evidence in point, as is also the large amount of money collected in small sums from parents and relatives.

The net expenditure for the sixteen months, after subtracting

the money received from parents, sale of produce, etc., was \$34,786.98. The receipts from income upon invested funds, annual subscriptions, and donations, were \$25,043.43. The expenses, therefore, have exceeded the receipts, and the small invested funds of the Society have been drawn upon. The excess of expenditure, however, has been due largely to the fact that, with some exceptions, donations have been received for a period of one year, whereas the expenses include the work of sixteen months.

NATURAL METHODS.

Our methods, it will be seen, though elastic and many-sided, are simple and natural. Although there are signs that an era of more natural methods in humanitarian work is dawning both in our own and in other countries, the vast majority of the children who are in the care of child-helping agencies are still cared for in institutions, and shut away from the wholesome atmosphere of every-day family life. It is idle to think of real success in child-saving work, unless in our choice of methods we recognize and utilize the great natural forces of life, such as the influence of home and friends and neighborhood, of education and work and opportunity, of contact with both the amenities and the stern realities of life under natural and wholesome conditions.

CONCLUSION.

To conclude, we desire to do the wisest possible work for the children whose needs cry out to us, to work out, illustrate and advocate the best methods of help, to study the causes of mischief, and seek their removal.

A scheme so wide-reaching demands the help of everybody, and is worthy of unstinted effort and real sacrifice. It belongs not exclusively to any handful of individuals calling themselves a Children's Aid Society, but to the whole community, and it is, therefore, for this Society to serve the community, and for the community to support and use the Society, for the accomplishment of the high and legitimate aims of our common citizenship and humanity.

We believe that the resources of the community are adequate to every demand of this undertaking, if only it will see its duty, and set itself to do it. So, basing our efforts broadly upon the proposition that nothing that concerns unfortunate childhood is foreign to us, we appeal earnestly for moral and material support, and urge that our work, now the work of the few, shall become the work of the many, to the end that prevention shall really prevent.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

OCTOBER 1, 1891.

Since the close of the period covered by the foregoing report, the Society has met with a great loss in the death of Mr. CHARLES W. SCUDDER, of Brookline. The directors have passed the following resolutions:

The Directors of the Boston Children's Aid Society desire to record their appreciation and recognition of the long, faithful, unremitting, and invaluable services of their late associate, CHARLES W. SCUDDER, as well as to express their deep feeling of sorrow and sympathy for her who has so long shared and aided his exertions, and their personal regard and affection for both.

They remember that he has been identified with the Society for more than a quarter of a century. They recall with pleasure his genial and attractive presence, his warm sympathy with the children at the Pine Farm Home, his incessant efforts in their behalf, which have done so much to promote the success that has crowned those efforts. They deplore the loss of his long experience and of his wise counsels in their work for the rescue of children from risks and temptations to which they are exposed in our streets; and are grateful for the high example he has left to direct and encourage their own efforts hereafter.

BOSTON, January 1, 1892.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

EDWARD JACKSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOSTON
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,

FOR PERIOD OF SIXTEEN MONTHS, — JUNE 1, 1890, to OCT. 1, 1891.

Receipts.

Balance on hand June 1, 1890	\$2,027 49
Income from invested funds	2,759 76
Annual subscriptions	3,393 00
Donations for general treasury	10,624 48
Special donations:	
For stenographer	650 00
“ Bureau of Information	2,000 00
“ Placing-Out Agency	1,650 00
“ care of wayward girls	225 00
“ special children	781 03
“ sending special children into the country in summer	162 61
“ losses by fire at Pine Farm	89 00
“ work among “ graduates ”	600 00
“ Probation Agency	1,000 00
“ Home Libraries	999 35
“ Christmas	98 20
“ clothing	11 00
Received from parents and guardians for board, etc.:	
Of children placed out directly from Boston	\$5,138 76
“ boys at Pine Farm, including \$237.38 on ac- count of 1889-90	1,282 79
“ boys at Rock Lawn Farm including \$297.29 on account of 1889-90	1,292 88
“ boys at Weston Home, including \$118 on ac- count of 1889-90	643 92
“ boys from the three training-schools boarded in families	374 23
“ wayward girls	36 50
“ “ graduates ”	28 50
	8,797 58
Received from Overseers of Poor of Boston, etc.	448 47
“ “ sale of produce at Pine Farm	261 58
“ “ boys at Rock Lawn Farm	190 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$36,768 55

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$36,768 55
Received from sale of books and bookcases, and witness fees . . .	27 50
“ “ Insurance Co., for damage by fire at Pine Farm . . .	3,264 90
“ unexpended balance from General Secretary . . .	243 40
“ “ “ Supt. of Pine Farm . . .	237 51
Investments sold:	
\$3,000 Republican Valley R.R. bonds . . .	\$3,037 50
\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington, & Northern R.R. bonds . . .	1,002 67
7 shares Boston & Maine R.R. preferred . . .	1,048 25
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	5,088 42
Money borrowed	2,500 00

Expenditures.

Paid Assistant Treasurer	\$44,548 28
“ for Christmas at Pine Farm	25 00
“ “ “ “ Rock Lawn Farm	15 00
“ “ “ “ Weston Home	10 00
“ Treasurer for safe-rent and stationery	17 25
“ “ for expense of collecting donations,	35 00
“ for repair of damage at Pine Farm by fire	3,126 48
Balance of Insurance Fund	\$227 42
“ “ general account	125 85
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	353 27
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	\$48,130 28

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, October 1, 1891.

Examined and approved.

THEOPHILUS PARSONS, *Auditor.*

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES BY ASSISTANT TREASURER.

FOR PERIOD OF SIXTEEN MONTHS—JUNE 1, 1890, TO OCT. 1, 1891.

Services of general secretary, stenographer, bookkeeper . . .	\$3,977 46	
“ other help at various times	249 78	
Bureau of Information.—Services of two assistants	2,200 00	
Placing-Out Agency.—Services of three assistants	1,976 69	
Homeless Children.—Board	\$10,270 33	
Clothing	514 93	
Travel	153 62	
Miscellaneous	182 93	
Wayward girls.—Board	1,278 97	
Clothing	22 03	
Travel	63 54	
Boys from the three training-schools boarded in families	818 92	
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Pine Farm.—Provisions	\$2,806 21	
Clothing	782 86	
Farm	1,296 01	
Fuel	506 40	
House and school supplies	482 26	
Repairs	481 95	
Insurance	108 88	
Sundries	668 50	
Salaries	2,512 15	
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Rock Lawn Farm.—Board of boys	\$3,281 39	
Clothing	66 49	
Salaries	1,200 00	
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Weston Home.—Board of boys	\$1,966 82	
Clothing	78 24	
Salaries	1,105 00	
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Graduates and Probation Agency.—Services of visitor	\$759 75	
Probationers, expenses incurred for	4 58	
Graduates “ “ “	108 43	
Emergencies	34 73	
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Home Libraries.—Services of general visitor	\$820 82	
Services of summer assistant	88 33	
Travel	37 20	
Express	39 60	
Cost of books	448 82	
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Carried forward,	\$1,434 77	\$39,959 85

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$1,434 77	\$39,959 85
Supplies		234 17	
Sundries		9 36	
		<hr/>	1,678 30
Expenses for Home Libraries incurred before			82 54
June 1, 1890			
General expenses.—Travel		\$890 93	
Stationery		223 10	
Postage		426 70	
Printing		82 83	
Express and telegraph		22 79	
Care of office		87 38	
Equipment of office		131 08	
Lighting and heating office		219 45	
Annual reports		180 09	
Other reports and circulars		205 98	
Sundries		101 45	
		<hr/>	2,571 78
Summer fund			162 61
Christmas fund			48 20
Loan to "Station" of "Stamps Savings Society" at office			45 00
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			\$44,548 28

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Allen, Thomas	\$10 00	Endicott, Wm., Jr.	\$250 00
Ames, Mrs. J. B.	20 00	Everett, Dr. William	5 00
Amory, Miss Alice	5 00	Fay, Miss S. B.	20 00
Amory, Miss Anna S.	25 00	Ferris, Miss E. M.	5 00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25 00	Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	25 00
Atkinson, George	10 00	Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10 00
Austin, Miss Gertrude B. . . .	25 00	Fogg, Miss Alice M.	5 00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	5 00	Frothingham, Miss Ellen . . .	5 00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	3 00	Gray, Mrs. Asa	10 00
Beal, Thos. P.	5 00	Green, Chas. G.	10 00
Bigelow, Miss Mary A.	5 00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5 00
Billings, C. E.	50 00	Greenough, C. P.	2 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Grew, Henry S.	50 00
Blake, Mrs. S. P.	5 00	Goddard, George A.	25 00
Bowditch, Miss Charlotte	5 00	Gorham, Mrs. W. H.	5 00
Bowditch, Mrs. N. I.	50 00	Hale, George S.	10 00
Brimmer, Martin	25 00	Hemenway, Mrs.	100 00
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	25 00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20 00	Higginson, Mrs. H. L.	15 00
Buck, David	5 00	Hooper, E. W.	100 00
Bullard, W. S.	20 00	Howell, Mrs. W. J.	1 00
Burnham, John A.	10 00	Hubbard, C. Eustis	10 00
Burnham, Mrs. John A., Jr. . . .	5 00	Hubbard, Mrs. C. T.	50 00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20 00	Hubbard, C. W.	50 00
Cabot, J. E.	10 00	Hubbard, James M.	5 00
Cabot, R. C.	5 00	Humphreys, Richard	2 00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	20 00	Jackson, Miss A. P.	25 00
Callender, Mrs. Henry	5 00	Jackson, Edward	100 00
Cary, Miss A. P.	5 00	Jackson, Miss Eleanor	20 00
Chase, W. L.	5 00	Jackson, Miss M. C.	25 00
Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5 00	Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5 00
Clapp, Mrs.	10 00	Jewett, Miss S. O.	10 00
Clarke, Mrs. J. F.	5 00	Knapp, Mrs. F. A.	5 00
Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. . . .	10 00	Lamb, H. A.	50 00
Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	10 00	Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100 00
Cushing, R. M.	25 00	Lawrence, Mrs. A. A.	50 00
Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5 00	Lawrence, Miss Gertrude L. . .	2 00
Davis, Mrs. E. L.	5 00	Lawrence, Mrs. W. R.	5 00
Davis, Mary H.	5 00	Lee, George C.	25 00
Dwight, Edmund	10 00	Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10 00
Endicott, Miss Clara T.	10 00	Loring, C. W.	10 00

Loring, Mrs. W. C. . . .	\$25 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H. . . .	\$10 00
Lowell, Miss A. C. . . .	25 00	Shaw, Francis	10 00
Lowell, Miss G. . . .	25 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland . .	25 00
Lowell, Mrs. G. G. . . .	25 00	Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A. . .	200 00
Lowell, John	10 00	Shaw, Miss Susan C. . .	1 00
Lyman, Theodore	25 00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche . .	10 00
Matchett, Mrs. W. F. . .	10 00	Shimmin, C. F. . . .	10 00
May, Miss E. G. . . .	5 00	Simpkins, Miss M. W. . .	5 00
Merriam, Mrs. Caroline . .	10 00	Stackpole, Mrs. S. M. . .	10 00
Merriam, Charles	10 00	Stevenson, Miss A. D. . .	5 00
Minot, Dr. F. . . .	5 00	Stevenson, Miss M. C. . .	5 00
Minot, William	5 00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H. . .	5 00
Morse, Mrs. S. T. . . .	25 00	Stone, Mrs. F. . . .	10 00
Murdock, Miss Maria . .	10 00	Storer, Francis H. . . .	5 00
Nash, H. . . .	25 00	Tappan, Miss M. A. . . .	50 00
Nichols, Miss M. P. . . .	5 00	Thayer, Mrs.	100 00
North, James N. . . .	10 00	Thayer, Miss A. G. . . .	5 00
Page, Mrs. C. J. . . .	1 00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R. . .	5 00
Paine, "Robert Treat Paine Association"	75 00	Tolman, Mrs. Eliza M. S. .	25 00
Paine, The Misses	50 00	Vaughn, Mrs. W. W. . . .	5 00
Parker, Miss E. G. . . .	10 00	Wales, Mrs. John	5 00
Parkman, Miss E. S. . . .	5 00	Wales, Miss M. A. . . .	200 00
Peabody, J. E. . . .	10 00	Ware, C. P. . . .	10 00
Phillips, Mrs. J. C. . . .	100 00	Ware, Mrs. E. C. . . .	25 00
Pickman, Mrs. W. D. . .	20 00	Ware, Miss M. L. . . .	15 00
Pierce, Miss E. D. . . .	5 00	Whitney, Edward	20 00
Quincy, Miss Abby P. . .	5 00	Wigglesworth, Miss . . .	50 00
Quincy, George H. . . .	10 00	Wigglesworth, Thos. . . .	20 00
Read, Miss Sarah E. . . .	20 00	Windsor, Mrs. Amy T. . .	1 00
Rogers, Mrs. J. C. . . .	25 00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C. . .	5 00
Rogers, Mrs. Wm. B. . . .	5 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C. . .	5 00
Saltonstall, Henry . . .	100 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Sargent, Mrs. C. S. . . .	10 00	Young, Mrs. B. L. . . .	25 00
Sargent, Mrs. F. W. . . .	25 00		
Scudder, Mrs. M. S. . . .	5 00		
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			\$3,393 00

DONATIONS.

FOR GENERAL TREASURY.

Abercrombie, Miss . . .	\$2 00	Cash	\$10 00
Adams, Mrs. E. F. . . .	2 00	Cash	15 00
Aldis, Miss Cornelia . . .	10 00	Cash, through Miss E. G.	
Allen, Hon. Chas. . . .	10 00	Parker	29 76
Ames, F. L.	550 00	Cash, through Miss E. G.	
Amory, Miss Anna S. . . .	50 00	Parker	28 49
Anonymous member of au-		Central Church, W. Newton	10 00
dience at Meionaon . . .	3 00	Chase, Miss Ellen	5 00
Appleton, Mrs. Wm. . . .	50 00	Cheney, Rev. W. F. . . .	10 00
Barnard, Mrs. Geo. M. . . .	100 00	Clarke, Mrs. Eliot C. . . .	10 00
Barnard, Mrs. Mary C. E. . .	5 00	Cleveland, W. H.	3 00
Bartlett, Miss Fanny . . .	20 00	Cochrane, Mrs. A.	10 00
Bartlett, Mrs. John . . .	10 00	Codman, Edw. W.	10 00
Beal, J. H.	5 00	Coffin, Rufus	5 00
Bigelow, Mrs. H.	5 00	Collamore, The Misses . . .	20 00
Bigelow, Mrs. Mary C. . . .	10 00	Coolidge, A. C.	10 00
Billings, Robert C.	50 00	Coolidge, J. Randolph . . .	100 00
Blake, Arthur W.	50 00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. T. . . .	10 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr. . .	10 00
Bond, Edw. P.	10 00	Crafts, Mrs. Jas.	25 00
"Bostonian"	2 00	C. T. H., in memory of . . .	25 00
Bowditch, W. I.	5 00	Curtis, G. S.	10 00
B. P. S.	1 00	Curtis, Louis	5 00
Bradlee, Miss H. C. . . .	1,000 00	Dabney, Miss O. F.	5 00
Bremer, John L.	50 00	Dalton, Chas. H.	10 00
Brewer, E. M.	25 00	Dana, Mrs. R. H., Jr. . . .	5 00
Brewer, Miss Lucy	5 00	Dewey, Miss Mary E. . . .	2 00
Brewster, Cobb & Estabrook	5 00	Dole, Rev. C. F.	5 00
Brewster, Mrs. O.	4 00	Drummond, Mrs. Jas. . . .	10 00
Brooks, Miss Eleanor . . .	25 00	Eaton, Miss G. G.	20 00
Burnham, Mrs. John A. . .	35 00	Eaton, Mrs. W. S.	20 00
Burr, C. C.	20 00	Eliot Church, Newton . . .	25 00
Burr, I. T.	50 00	Eliot, Mrs. S.	5 00
Cabot, J. H.	20 00	Ellison, Mrs. F. B.	20 00
Capen, Samuel B.	5 00	Evans, Mrs. C. W.	2 00
Cary, Mrs. E. M.	25 00	Evans, Mrs. Glendower . . .	10 00
Cary, Miss G. S.	5 00	E. W. P.	50 00
Cary, Mrs. R. C.	5 00	Fay, J. S.	25 00
Cash	1 00	Fellows, Miss Charlotte . .	3 00

Fitzgerald, Desmond . . .	\$5 00	H., W. & R.	\$5 00
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Desmond .	2 00	Jackson, Dr. Henry . . .	5 00
Friend	20 00	Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S. . .	25 00
Friend	30 00	Jackson, Miss M. C. . . .	150 00
Friend	2 00	Jaques, Miss	10 00
Friend	100 00	Joy, Mrs. C. H.	10 00
Friend	25 00	Kelley, Seth	1 00
Friend	25 00	Kidder, Mrs. H. P. . . .	10 00
Friend	5 00	Kimball, Mrs. D. P. . . .	150 00
Friend	100 00	King's Chapel	50 00
Friend	100 00	Kittredge, Mrs. J. C. . . .	20 00
Friend	5 00	Knapp, Mrs. Eugene R. . .	5 00
Friend	81 00	K. P.	100 00
Friend	100 00	Kuhn, Mrs. H.	5 00
Friend in Lawrence	7 00	Lawrence, Mrs. A. A. . . .	100 00
Friend in Lynn	5 00	Lawrence, Rev. Wm. . . .	20 00
Friend, thro' C. W. Birtwell	500 00	Lee, Henry	20 00
Friend, through E. S. P. . .	5 00	Lee, Joseph	5 00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen . .	10 00	Lincoln, W. H.	10 00
Fry, Mrs. Chas.	35 00	Loring, Mrs. Wm. C. . . .	500 00
Gardiner, Miss Eugenia . . .	10 00	Lovering, Mrs. C. T. . . .	10 00
Gardner, H.	5 00	Lowell, Mrs. E. J.	5 00
Gates, Chas. Horatio	5 00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	50 00
Girls' Guild, Church of the		Lyman, Miss Annie	10 00
Holy Spirit, Mattapan . . .	14 00	Lyman, Mrs. Geo. H., Jr. . .	10 00
Glover, Miss C. L.	10 00	Lyman, Miss Julia	10 00
Glover, Miss A.	10 00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	200 00
Glover, J. B.	50 00	Mason, Miss Mary R. . . .	5 00
Gray, Miss Eugenia	10 00	Mason, W. P.	20 00
Gray, Miss Harriet	100 00	Mass. Charitable Fire So-	
Gray, Mrs. Horace	50 00	cietv	100 00
Gray, Miss M. C.	5 00	McKenzie, Mrs. C. J. . . .	2 00
Greene, Miss Margaret	10 00	Metcalf, Mrs. Robert C. . .	5 00
Grew, Mrs. H. S.	50 00	Minot, Mrs. C. H.	5 00
Hall, Miss Fannie M.	2 00	Montgomery, Wm.	5 00
Hall, Miss Louise J.	20 00	Moore, J. Lowell	3 00
Higginson, Waldo	10 00	Morgan, Charles R.	5 00
Hildreth, Miss Emily E. . . .	5 00	Motley, Edward	10 00
Hill, Mrs. Caroline I.	20 00	Nichols, B. W.	25 00
Hodges, Dr. R. M.	5 00	Nichols, Miss M. P.	5 00
Holmes, O. W.	10 00	Nichols, Mrs. W. R.	5 00
Hooper, E. W.	200 00	Noyes, Miss Mary E. . . .	43
Hooper, Mrs. R. C., Jr. . . .	15 00	Palfrey, Miss	5 00
Howe, Henry S.	15 00	Palfrey, Miss A. R.	5 00
Howes, Miss E.	20 00	Pafrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. .	6 00
Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth		Parker, C. W.	10 00
A.	2 00	Parker, R. T.	25 00
Hunnewell, Walter	25 00	Parker, Miss Sarah	1 00
Hunnewell, H. H.	125 00	Parkinson, Mrs. John . . .	25 00

Parsons, Miss G.	\$10 00	Sturgis, Mrs. J. H.	\$5 00
Peabody, F. H.	25 00	Sullivan, Richard	5 00
Peabody, O. W.	10 00	Sunday-School, All Souls'	
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	20 00	Unitarian Church, Rox-	
Peabody, Mrs. W. A.	5 00	bury	25 49
Perkins, Mrs. C. E.	20 00	Sunday - School Congrega-	
Pickering, Mrs. Henry	100 00	tional Church, Weymouth,	2 00
Pickering, H. W.	250 00	Swan, Robt. T.	10 00
Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25 00	Tappan, Miss M. A.	100 00
P. M.	10 00	Ticknor, Miss A. E.	25 00
Proctor, Miss J. D.	1 00	Thorndike, Charles	25 00
Putnam, Mrs. M. Lowell	15 00	Thorndike, Sturgis H.	2 00
Richardson, Spencer W.	10 00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	10 00
Richardson, Mrs. T. O.	10 00	Upham, Mrs. Geo.-P.	10 00
Robeson, Mrs. A.	5 00	Upham, Mrs. Henry	25 00
Robeson, Mrs. W. R.	10 00	Wales, Miss M. A.	400 00
Rodman, Mrs. Alfred	5 00	Walworth, Mrs. A. C.	25 00
Rodman, S. W.	10 00	Warren, S. D., estate of	100 00
Rogers, Miss A. P.	1,500 00	Waters, Miss Clara E.	5 00
Ropes, J. C.	20 00	Weld, Mrs. F. M.	10 00
Rotch, Mrs. B. S.	500 00	"Well Wishers"	10 00
Russell, Mrs. H. S.	50 81	White, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Russell, Miss Marian	25 00	Whitney, Edward	100 00
Russell, Mrs. R. S.	5 00	Whitney, Geo.	5 00
Salisbury, Miss R.	10 00	Whittemore, Miss E. M.	5 00
Saltonstall, John and Rosa-		Whitwell, Miss S. L.	10 00
mond	10 00	Whitwell, Wm. S.	10 00
Sargent, Winthrop	100 00	Wigglesworth, Dr. Edw.	45 00
Sears, Dr. Henry F.	25 00	Williams, Mrs. J. D. W.	5 00
Sears, K. W.	50 00	Williams, Miss L. H.	60 00
Sharp, E. H.	2 00	Williams, The Misses	10 00
Shattuck, Dr. Geo. C.	10 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C., Jr.	10 00
Sheldon, Mrs. J. R.	10 00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	25 00
Skinner, Mrs. F.	25 00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	25 00
Slade, Dr. and Mrs. D. D.	10 00	Wright, C.	1 00
Spencer, A. W.	50 00	Young, Miss Alla F.	50
Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10 00		
Storer, J. H.	3 00		
Storer, Miss	5 00		
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SPECIAL DONATIONS.

FOR BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

Jackson, Miss A. P.	\$50 00	Parsons, Theophilus	\$100 00
Jackson, Edward	50 00	Paine, "Robert Treat Paine	
Loring, Mrs. W. C.	200 00	Association"	100 00
Mason, Miss E. F.	300 00		<hr/>
Mason, Miss Ida (for two			\$2,000 00
years)	1,200 00		

FOR STENOGRAPHER.

Hemenway, Mrs. Mary \$650 00

FOR PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

Mason, Miss Ida (for two years) \$1,600 00
 Sears, K. W. 50 00
 \$1,650 00

FOR CARE OF WAYWARD GIRLS.

Hooper, Edward \$100 00
 Mason, Miss Ida 100 00
 Paine, "Robert Treat Paine Association" 25 00
 \$225 00

FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN.

"A.B.C."	\$30 00	Lamb, H. A., trustee Dix Fund	\$100 00
Alger, Miss A. L.	1 85	Mason, Miss Ida M.	5 71
Arlington-street Church, through Rev. Brooke Herford	25 86	May, Miss Eleanor	5 00
Associated Charities, Boston, Conference of Ward VIII.	16 86	Noyes, Miss Mary E.	4 57
Associated Charities, Cambridge	27 00	Parkman, Miss M. R.	4 50
Bliss, Miss H. M.	53 00	"S." In Memoriam	50 00
Bradlee, Miss H. C., through Mrs. W. C. Loring	50 00	Shaw, Francis	13 98
Brown, Mrs. Isaac	2 00	Stickney, Mrs.	5 00
Cheney, Rev. W. F.	10 00	Sunday-school, First Universalist Church, Franklin	77 00
Davis, Miss Eleanor	18 21	"Whatsoever Circle," King's Daughters, Wollaston	2 00
Friend, through Mrs. M. C. Whitman	30 00	Y.W.C.T.U., Leicester	2 00
Grew, Mrs. H. S.	27 00	In hands of General Secretary, June 1, 1890	27 30
Guirey, Mrs. M. Y.	3 00		\$889 17
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	287 33	In hands of General Secretary, Oct. 1, 1891	108 14
"Hopeful Ten"	5 00		
"King's Daughters," Dighton	5 00	Paid Treasurer	\$781 03

FOR PINE FARM.

Hamer, E. C.	\$25 00	tional Church, West Newton, on account of fire	\$39 00
Lee, Henry, on account of fire	50 00		
Sunday-school, Congrega-			\$114 00

FOR WORK AMONG GRADUATES.

Lamb, Mrs. H. A. (for two years) \$600 00

FOR PROBATION AGENCY.

Wales, Miss M. A. \$1,000 00

FOR HOME LIBRARIES.

Alger, Miss A. L.	\$3 50	Morse, J. T., Jr.	\$30 00
Austin, Miss Gertrude B. . .	25 00	Paine, "Robert Treat"	
Brooks, Miss Martha H. . .	5 00	Paine Association	100 00
Bryant, Mrs. Henry	5 00	Peters, Mrs. Wm.	2 00
Cambridge Mothers' Club,		Pickering, Henry G. . . .	25 00
through Mrs. Chas. Almy	50 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	20 00
Cary, Mrs. E. M.	25 00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche . .	7 00
Cash	10 00	Sprague, Mrs. F. P. . . .	5 00
Cash	10 00	Spring, Miss L.	3 00
Clarke, Mrs. Eliot C. . . .	10 00	Sunday-school class,	
Dale, Mrs. Eben	5 00	Church of Our Father,	
Davis, Miss L. F.	25 00	East Boston (two years)	25 00
Denny, Mrs. W. S.	4 00	Sunday-school, First Par-	
Fields, Mrs. Jas. T.	10 00	ish Church, Cambridge . .	25 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	25 00	Thayer, Miss A. G.	100 00
Friend	5 00	Ticknor, Miss Anna E. . .	25 00
Friend	1 00	Train, Miss E. M.	5 00
Friend	5 00	True Helpers' Temperance	
Frothingham, Miss	5 00	Society, First Parish	
Gray, Mrs. Asa	25 00	Church, Dorchester . . .	50 00
Greene, Miss Margaret . . .	25 00	"W."	5 00
Hale, Mrs. E. R. (Annual)	3 00	Wadsworth, Miss A. E. . .	5 00
Hildreth, Miss Emily E. . .	25 00	Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F.	
Kimball, Miss H. H. . . .	5 00	(Annual)	5 00
Kimball, Miss L.	5 00	Wales, Miss M. A.	100 00
King, Miss S. Frank, and		Waterhouse, Miss Emily . .	25
others	25 00	West, Miss Louisa J. . . .	5 00
Lincoln, Mrs. R. C.	5 60	Whitwell, Miss S. L. . . .	25 00
Lord, Chas. E.	5 00	Wigglesworth, Geo.	25 00
Lowell, Miss Anna C. . . .	25 00		
Lyman, Mrs. A. T.	5 00		
Mason, Miss Ida M.	25 00		
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FOR CLOTHING.

Friend in Cambridge	\$10 00
Friend, for shoes	1 00
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FOR SUMMER FUND.

Benson, Miss L. E. . . .	\$2 00	Seckendorff, Miss Bertha von	\$10 00
Bowditch, Alfred W. . . .	20 00	In hands of General Sec- retary, June 1, 1890 . . .	119 44
Brooks, Miss Martha H. . .	2 00		
Clapp, Miss A.	2 00		
"Crickets, The," Cambridge	5 00		
Hardy, Mrs. J. H.	3 76		\$185 10
"Lend a Hand Club," Ar- lington	19 40	In hands of General Sec- retary, Oct. 1, 1890 . . .	22 49
"No Name Club," Allston, through Miss Mabel Hol- lis	1 50		\$162 61

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ames, Mrs. G. L.	\$1 00	Loring, Mrs. W. C.	\$25 50
Clark, Miss Carrie	5 00	"Merrie Workers," Franklin	1 75
Gray, Mrs. Asa	50	Paine, Miss Helen	5 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary . . .	50 00	In hands of General Secre- tary, June 1, 1890 . . .	4 95
Jackson, Miss A. P.	1 00		\$98 20
"King's Daughters," Franklin	1 50		
"Lend a Hand Club," Ar- lington	2 00		

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

Alden, Miss H. L., 1 game for Christ- mas.	Churchill, Miss E. T., 1 book for Home Libraries.
Alger, Miss A. L., 60 books, 22 mag- azines, for Home Libraries.	Clark, Miss Carrie, 2 baskets of grapes.
Andrews, Miss C. F., 15 articles of clothing, 7 copies "Our Dumb Animals," 1 fancy calendar.	Closson, C. C., 2 vols. "St. Nicholas" for Home Libraries.
Anonymous, Franklin, 24 articles of clothing, 3 pairs of shoes.	Currie, Charles A., 4 books, 10 copies "Our Dumb Animals."
Anonymous, Medford, baby car- riage.	Curtis, Mrs. Greeley, 8 articles of clothing.
Appleton, Miss Marion, 24 magazines for Home Libraries.	Davis, Miss L. F., 2 books for Home Libraries.
Brown, Mrs. James, 2 books for Home Libraries.	Edson, P. O. M., M.D., 1 set, 5 vols., "Leather Stocking Tales" for Home Libraries.
Cary, Mrs., 48 illustrated papers for Home Libraries.	Endicott, Mrs. H., baby carriage.
"C. E. W.," 8 articles of clothing.	Eunice L. Collins Benevolent So- ciety, package copies of "Youth's Companion" for Home Libraries, package picture cards, 2 large boxes of toys for Christmas.
"Channing Circle," Arlington- street Church, 12 articles of cloth- ing.	

- Fields, Mrs. James T., 20 books for Home Libraries.
- "Four ladies of Wollaston," 31 articles of clothing.
- "Four young ladies," 15 books, 5 magazines, for Home Libraries.
- Frenyear, Miss Myra G., 12 books, package copies of "Youth's Companion" for Home Libraries.
- Friend, 1 dress.
- Friend, 2 books, 57 magazines, for Home Libraries.
- Friend, Brookline, 54 articles of clothing.
- Friend, Cambridge, 3 articles of clothing, scrap-book, Christmas cards, rubber ball, and games for Christmas.
- Friend, Cambridgeport, 9 articles of clothing.
- Friend, through Mrs. J. T. Fields, 40 magazines for Home Libraries.
- Frothingham, Miss Lily, 5 books for Home Libraries.
- Fuller, A. W., baby carriage.
- Glenn, John M., 1 book for Home Libraries.
- Grew, Mrs. H. S., 1 winter jacket.
- Hale, George S., 1 magazine for Home Libraries.
- Hazen, Mrs. F. T., 10 articles of clothing.
- Hemenway, Mrs. Mary, 1 book for Home Libraries.
- Jackson, Miss Anna P., 1 book, 53 magazines, for Home Libraries, 1 bottle cologne, 1 basket, 1 sachet bag, for Christmas.
- Jackson, Miss Marion, 11 articles of clothing, 2 pairs of shoes.
- Jones, Miss E. E., copies "Youth's Companion" for Home Libraries.
- Jordan, Mrs. Eben, baby carriage.
- Keith, Horace R., 96 copies "St. Nicholas" for Home Libraries.
- Kellam, E. R., 2 books for Home Libraries.
- Kimball, Miss H. F., 2 pairs of skates for Christmas.
- Kingsbury, A. J., free passes for children to "Cyclorama of Jerusalem."
- "King's Daughters," Franklin, 11 articles of clothing, 1 doll, 2 knit balls, toys, etc., for Christmas.
- Lawrence, Miss Gertrude, 5 Christmas magazines, 2 boxes fancy paper, 6 colored pictures, for Christmas.
- Lilly, Mrs. Channing, work-basket, package of toy animals, for Christmas.
- Lord, Mrs. E. G., 2 dressed dolls, 24 bonbons, 175 candles, for Christmas.
- Loring, Mrs. W. C., 3 subscriptions "Youth's Companion," 3 subscriptions "Our Dumb Animals."
- Matthews, Nathan, 150 tickets for free rides in horse-cars.
- Merchant, E. S., Treas. Boston & Gloucester S.S. Co., free excursion for children.
- Meredith, Mrs. J. H., 8 books for Home Libraries.
- "Merrie Workers," Franklin, 3 articles of clothing, 1 dozen dressed dolls, one-half dozen pin-cushions, illustrated papers, books, etc.
- Morgan, Charles A., \$11.55 credit on bill for carpentry work at central office.
- O'Neil, Mrs. J., package picture-cards and papers.
- Paine, Mrs. Gilman B., 76 articles of clothing.
- Paine, Mrs. R. T., 100 copies "Black Beauty."
- Pierce, Miss Josephine, 33 books for Home Libraries.
- Pitts, Mrs. L. L., 17 garments.
- Rackeman, Charles S., 50 articles of clothing.
- Richardson, Miss R. L., copies "Youth's Companion."
- Rogers, Miss A. P., 3 subscriptions "Youth's Companion."
- Sever, Miss Emily, 2 books for Home Libraries.

Sheffield, Mrs. George, 27 articles of clothing, 4 pairs shoes.
 Starut, Miss J. B., large package tacks.
 Ticknor, Mrs. Howard N., 47 books for Home Libraries.
 Wales, Miss M. A., 15 books for Home Libraries.
 Wendell, Mrs. Barrett, 27 articles of clothing, 4 pairs shoes, and rubbers.
 "Whatsoever Circle," King's Daugh-

ters, Wollaston, 10 articles of clothing.
 Wheelwright, Mrs. Geo. W., baby carriage.
 Wilder, Mrs. S. Fanny Gerry, 1 book for Home Libraries.
 Winsor, Miss Amy S., 12 books for Home Libraries.
 Worthly, Mrs. A. W., 2 books for Home Libraries.
 Wyatt, Mrs. Mary L., package magazines for Home Libraries.

PINE FARM.

Armstrong, G. W., Fourth of July dinner, 1890 and 1891.
 Blake, Mrs. Francis, 2 volumes of "London Graphic."
 Blatchford, Mr. Waban, boots.
 Cate, S. F., West Newton, sleigh-ride to Boston.
 Cobb, Bates, & Yerxa, 4 dozen oranges for Christmas.
 Congregational church, West Newton, ladies of, cake and sandwiches.
 Crowley, G. W., clothing, neckties, rubbers.
 Dutch, F. M., West Newton, peck of cranberries for Christmas, bananas.
 Eldredge, Mrs. E. T., \$100.
 Eldredge, Mrs. E. T., \$5 and 34 tickets to grand concert in Eliot Hall, Newton.
 Fire Department, Newton, cake and sandwiches.
 Friend, clothing.
 Friend, clothing.
 Frost, Mr., apples.
 Glover, Wm., 6 quarts oysters for Thanksgiving.
 Graves, Mrs. A., West Newton, turkey for Thanksgiving.
 Grew, H. S., \$15 for Charles River excursion, June, 1890; \$15 for Charles River excursion, June, 1891.
 Herford, Mrs., Boston, 5 pounds of candy for Christmas.

Hubbard, Mrs., West Newton, shoes and stockings.
 I.O.O.F., West Newton, cake and sandwiches.
 Kendall, R. W., bread and pastry.
 "King's Daughters," West Newton, making 10 night-shirts for boys.
 Newton, Mr., Waltham, white shirts.
 Paine, Miss Helen, \$5 to buy gifts for boys for Christmas, 30 knives for school-room, text-books on book-keeping, and blanks.
 Parsons, Theophilus, base-ball outfit.
 Phipps & Train, Newton Upper Falls, fireworks for Fourth of July.
 Rice, Mrs., Newton Centre, clothing.
 Rollins, Mrs., Newtonville, boots and hat, stockings and games.
 Sunday-school, Congregational Church, West Newton, \$35 for Christmas, cake.
 Sunday-school, Eliot Church, Newton, 12 prs. boots, 12 prs. stockings, 3 prs. wristlets, 2 prs. slippers, books, papers, games and candy for Christmas.
 Scudder, Charles W., and friends, \$151.25 to buy new bedsteads for the dormitories.
 Scudder, Mrs. Marshall, \$25 to pay expenses of school attending the Charitable Mechanics' Fair, Boston.

Slade, Mrs. D. D., clothing and shoes.
 Sylvester, Mrs., Newtonville, clothing.
 Thayer, Mrs., Newtonville, bed quilts.
 Trowbridge, Mrs., Newtonville, clothing and boots.
 Vose, Mrs., clothing.

Warriner, A. H., clothing.
 Woodberry, H. E., 2 pounds of nuts for Thanksgiving, 25 pounds of candy for Christmas.
 Young, Mrs., West Newton, turkey for Thanksgiving.

ROCK LAWN FARM.

Barron, Geo., school books.
 Boyden, Mrs. B. F., clothing.
 Boyden, Miss Emily, copies "Youth's Companion."
 Carpenter, David, flower-seeds.
 Clapp, Mrs., books, toys, etc.
 Congregational church, South Framingham, books, toys, clothing.
 Dwight and Jewett, The Misses, books, toys, bunch of bananas, for Fourth of July.
 Emrich, Rev. Mr., South Framingham, 26 copies "Book of Proverbs."
 French, Mrs. Kate, 22 bean bags.
 Friends in Foxboro, two bunches bananas.
 Gray, Mrs. Asa, "Indian Helper," "Our Dumb Animals."
 Gray, Edwin, "New England Farmer."
 Hartshorn, Mrs. Emmons, clothing.

Hartshorn, Miss Minnie, papers.
 Hitchcock, Dr. and family, clothing.
 Hodges, Chas. W., papers.
 Horton, Mrs. W. E., clothing.
 Inches, Mrs. J. C., clothing.
 Jackson, Miss Anna P., \$10 for Thanksgiving, \$5 for Fourth of July, clothing, school books.
 Jackson, C. L., \$5 for Fourth of July.
 Jackson, Mrs. P. T., 2 boxes of candy for "New Year's."
 Lamb, Mrs. H. A., \$20 for Thanksgiving and Christmas, \$5 for Fourth of July, three pictures.
 Leavitt, Mrs. Charlotte, mittens, copies "Youth's Companion."
 McPherson, Eddie, copies "Youth's Companion."
 Snell, Rev. Mr., copies "Youth's Companion."
 "Whatsoever Circle," South Framingham, shirts, sheets.

WESTON HOME.

Channing Sewing Circle, Newton, 12 prs. trousers, 12 night-gowns, 12 handkerchiefs, 12 undervests, 12 prs. stockings, 9 flannel shirts, 6 blouses, boots, shoes.
 Coolidge, Mrs., 6 flannel shirts, 24 handkerchiefs.
 Field, Miss, 24 pillow-cases, 6 flannel blouses.
 Hastings, Mr., foot-ball, book, magazine.
 Jennison, Mrs., back numbers of

"Youth's Companion" for ten years.
 Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston, a cake every month.
 Nash, Mrs., subscription "Youth's Companion."
 Shuman, A., & Co., 2 suits clothing.
 Sunday-school, First Parish, books, games.
 Winsor, Mrs., firecrackers, torpedoes.
 Young, Mrs., book.

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43 CHARITY BUILDING, CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

FROM ACT OF INCORPORATION.

1865.

SECTION I. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin. . . .

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the uses of said corporation.

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METHODS IN BRIEF.

THE Society investigates cases of exposed, destitute, and wayward children; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit; studies questions relating to children; records experience; promotes needed legislation; encourages coöperation among child-helping agencies.

THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION investigates each case submitted to it; decides what action is desirable; keeps full records. Methods of aid are: 1st, Information and advice; 2d, Reference to other agencies; 3d, Various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

THE PLACING-OUT AGENCY finds boarding and free homes in private families, chiefly in the country, for destitute and neglected children and young wayward girls, also for wayward boys from the two training farms of the Society. Careful supervision is maintained. Relatives pay according to ability.

TWO TRAINING FARMS, PINE FARM AND ROCK LAWN FARM, receive boys distinctly wayward, — truant, runaway, dishonest, unmanageable, etc., — as a rule under 14 years of age, and train them preliminary to placing in families. Pine Farm receives 30 boys; Rock Lawn Farm, 25. Parents pay, if able.

THE GRADUATE AND PROBATION AGENCY. — A young man is employed to visit and befriend "graduates," or boys formerly wayward who have been through the training farms and placing-out agency and returned to the city; "probationers," or boys under 17, arrested and placed on probation in our charge; truants and friendless boys. Exposed and friendless girls are watched over by some woman.

HOME LIBRARIES are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living-room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements, and penny savings, and to foster a wholesome, thrifty, and happy home life.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY, INCLUDING REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

OCTOBER 1, 1891, TO OCTOBER 1, 1893.

The desire to keep boys out of jail was the origin thirty years ago of the work of the Boston Children's Aid Society, and later, naturally, the work was extended to include girls. For twenty years it kept on the even tenor of its way, caring for the lads at Pine Farm, from which in due time they were sent to families, and, except during the brief continuance of the Girls' Home at Newton, providing for young wayward girls by placing them directly in families.

But eight years ago the Society determined to meet the larger needs that had come with the growth of the city. It put itself in a position simply to know what most needed to be done for the exposed and wayward children of our city. And from the courts, the police, truant-officers, the charity agents and volunteer visitors, and distressed fathers and mothers among the poor themselves, came the urgent demands out of which has grown the work of to-day. More than 5,000 children have received the attention of the Society since its foundation, the rapid increase of the work in the past few years being such that now more than 1,000 new cases a year come to us for counsel, assistance, or support, and our daily family numbers more than 1,300 children, over 900 of them receiving attention in their own homes, upwards of 300 in private families in the country, and about half a hundred at our training farms for wayward boys, Pine Farm and Rock Lawn Farm.

From the various necessities brought to our attention have sprung up the different departments of the work. Last spring

the several standing committees of the Board of Directors were asked to make special reports concerning the different departments. That fact is now taken advantage of to bring before the public the candid, unprejudiced conviction of the committees as expressed at that time merely to the Board of Directors. The reports of these committees for the year were based upon the statements made at that time with the addition of figures to cover the last two years, and will be found later in this report.

There are, also, various lines of work and influence which lie more or less outside of these special departments. Inquiries are pouring in upon us for information concerning our methods, and suggestions as to their adaptation to other communities. One day a Jewish rabbi from the chief city of a neighboring state calls to get suggestions for work among his own people. Again, a judge in Hungary asks about our treatment of wayward boys and girls, the system of compulsory education in Massachusetts, etc. People who are contemplating the establishment of children's aid societies in different parts of the country write to us; government officials and officers of child-helping societies send inquiries on special topics, — the Massachusetts laws for the protection of children, the punishment of desertion by parents, etc.; and workers, college professors, and students inquire about the literature of the whole subject.

We have continued, also, to coöperate actively with other societies to promote the Conference of Child-Helping Societies. Various conferences, too, have been held with people connected with institutions in and near Boston who are moving in the direction of work like that which will be described under the Placing-Out Agency. The General Secretary served as a member of the Committee on the Massachusetts Exhibit of Charities and Correction appointed by the Massachusetts Commission of the World's Columbian Exposition; on the Committee on the History of Child-Saving Work of the Twentieth National Conference of Charities and Correction; and as Secretary of the Section on Children of the International Congress of Charities, Correction, and Philanthropy, held in Chicago last June. The Society exhibited its work by a series of eight charts, together with a file of annual reports and a sample Home

Library, in the Department of Charities and Correction at the World's Columbian Exposition.

We have taken part in the advocacy of the removal of the city truant school from Deer Island to the mainland, have twice actively assisted in defeating hostile legislation on this matter, and the city is now definitely committed to the long-needed change. So, also, we worked with others to secure the recent legislation against baby-farming and for the extension to towns of the provisions of the law against the retention of children in city almshouses — two desirable enactments which we owe chiefly to the State Board of Lunacy and Charity. We have not ceased to urge the need of trade schools as a substitute for the apprenticeship system of other days, the decay of which has done so great injury to our working boys and girls. To-day we learn that the trustees of the Franklin Fund have decided to devote that fund of over \$300,000 to the establishment of a trade school. These and other similar efforts are an integral and important part of our work in behalf of the boys and girls of our city.

So the work ranges from befriending the individual child to the promotion of those changes which may affect for good the very conditions under which the children of the city live.

Throughout it all we seek the most natural methods. In the reports that are to follow from the various departments, it will be noticed that we lay great stress upon the principle that whatever we do shall be done with as little disturbance as possible to natural conditions; and that our work is largely either to effect a restoration of natural conditions or to cultivate a capacity to live under such conditions with a view to a return to them. The key to it all is home life and personal influence. Even the training farms at West Newton and Foxborough represent merely a temporary turning aside from the road that starts always in lack of a home or unfitness for it, and leads always to a home, whether it be permanent absorption into an adoptive family or final return to the child's own home.

Twice in its history has the Society given signal proof of its determination not to become wedded to any methods, but to keep its mind open and its plans elastic. The girls who were

once cared for in a small institution are now trained in carefully chosen private families. And the less difficult class of wayward boys, formerly sent to the school at Weston, are now placed directly in families. The Weston establishment was given up Feb. 12, 1892; four of the twelve boys then remaining were transferred to Pine Farm, one was sent to the State Primary School, and the rest were placed in families, two at board, five free of charge, simply because we believed that in the future we could successfully care for this grade of boys in families. In the very spirit in which those changes were made, we lay our work before the public, wishing only to give a true view of it to those whose responsible agents we are in its administration.

The reports of the standing committees of the Board of Directors, to which reference has been made, are as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

Committee: Miss Rogers, Mrs. Cabot.

	Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893.
Applications pending at beginning of year ¹	18	52
Applications during the year	1,154	1,118
	— 1,172	— 1,170
Withdrawn	37	37
Advised	528	628
Referred to other agencies	274	235
Taken in charge by this Society:		
Placed in families	173	167
Sent to Training Farms of Society	25	29
Put in care of probation agency	83	59
	— 281	— 255
Pending at end of year	52	15

In studying the various successes and failures which have followed our efforts in behalf of some 5,000 children, we find ourselves possessed of these profound convictions on which to base our work of to-day, viz.:

¹ Figures indicate number of children involved.

That the true test of success in work like ours is the ability to lay hold of principles of action which tend not only to reform and educate individuals, but also, in the end, to reduce the whole number of unprotected children, and that no method ought to satisfy us which does not aim at accomplishing this.

That these children cannot be divorced from the natural and affectionate relations of family life without loss, any more than can those born under more favorable conditions, and therefore that we must humbly set ourselves to learn the ways in which family ties may be strengthened and parental responsibilities maintained, while working, at the same time, for the reformation of the child.

This method involves more thought and time than any other, but is in itself worth more. It means that before we can decide on the best thing to be done, we must have personal relations with both child and guardian, and know the whole story of its life and surroundings.

All applications for help are made at our office to the Bureau of Information. Each case is taken up by the agents employed there, in consultation with the Secretary, and upon them falls the great responsibility of carrying out the foregoing principles. They must have knowledge and experience of all possible avenues of relief and help, legal or any other, and above all they must be possessed of such love and interest in the work as shall lead them to judge wisely and thoughtfully, not content to follow any prescribed and rigid rules, but to individualize each case, and do for each child that which gives the most hope for its future.

1,170 children have come to our office during the past year. After careful examination we have tried to throw responsibility where it belonged, and have "advised" 628 to remain under the care of their own parents or friends, though often under our supervision; referred 235 to other agencies; taken 255 into our own care. The cases of 15 children still remained undecided on Oct. 1, 1893, and 37 were withdrawn during the year. This seems a business-like and economical way of doing a vast amount of personal work for the children of this city at the least possible expense to the community.

After hearing a child's story, our first thought is, "Can it stay with its own people? Can they be helped to take proper care of it?" If so, it becomes one of the group of "advised." If, however, the parents or guardians are unfit or unable to take this responsibility, we must keep the child ourselves and oblige them to contribute as much as possible towards its support, or we must send it to some other society.

Many parents or guardians who come to us are disposed to drop the burden of the training and support of their children. Affection may not be wanting, but they are ignorant, hard-pressed, overworked, or, perhaps, utterly disheartened, with no time or wisdom to think out new ways nor courage to persist in old ones. Public opinion, which holds up so many of us, does not equally touch them. Their real need is for a wise friend, some one to stiffen them and stand behind them with protection, suggestion, and pressure. This need we try to supply, feeling that to help such people to keep their children is worth endless effort. We are glad to report 628 thus helped this year, and as these children are in the charge of the Bureau of Information only, and are not spoken of elsewhere, we desire to give some indication of the kind and variety of the work done.

1. We have prevented the breaking up of families. In one case a husband and wife disagreed. There were several children, and the parents' plan was to board one with us, and dispose of the others elsewhere. We persistently refused to take the child away, feeling that the circumstances justified us in so doing. Gradually the family settled its difficulties, and now are happily living together.

2. We have induced relations and friends who had decided to place a child in an institution, and had come to us to recommend one, to change their minds and combine for its support in its own home, or in their homes, or sometimes in other families, under their legal guardianship.

3. We have persuaded unmarried mothers to keep their children. In some cases the mother's relatives have helped to bear the cost of support, and sometimes the mother has been received again into the protection of her own home.

4. We have suggested plans to intelligent people, who, at a distance from the city, and in great perplexity about peculiar children, have written to us for advice.

5. We have secured guardians for children otherwise friendless, and advised as to their treatment.

6. We have found work for young boys and girls who have left school in order to help their families, and have upheld them with friendly advice and encouragement.

7. We have sent suggestions in regard to special children to judges of city and suburban courts who have asked for it; also to Associated Charities visitors, Overseers of the Poor, private individuals, etc.

We have kept up our knowledge of these children hitherto so far as time and money would allow, and are sure that in a large proportion of cases our advice has been followed with good result. We hope in the future to have reports from many of them at regular intervals and thus record their progress.

235 children were referred to other agencies. This was done not with the purpose of avoiding responsibility ourselves, but in order not to duplicate the work of others, and to make use of special agencies already created for special needs. Thus we have transferred children to hospitals, sanitariums, schools and Homes, to the Associated Charities or the Provident Association (when the whole family needed care), to State and City Institutions, to Catholic, German, and Hebrew societies, to the Society for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants, to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, etc.

255 children were placed under the direct care of the Society during the year. They were such cases as the following: half-orphans of poor widows or widowers; children of deserted wives obliged to work away from home; friendless and homeless children; children of parents obliged to break up their homes through accidents or misfortune; children from vicious homes, who were distinctly suffering from moral neglect, although no legal action was possible. The Bureau of Information decides which department of the Society shall take charge of these children, and in doing this it has one aim only in view, that of securing the best possible chance for each child.

There have been sent 167 children to the Placing-Out Agency to be put in private families (5 being wayward girls placed in the care of the committee of volunteer lady visitors), 29 wayward boys to the Training Farms, and 59 boys and girls, needing special visitation in their own homes, to the probation agency.

The question of payment of board by relatives is decided in this Bureau, upon which falls also the work of collecting. If able to pay, relatives are charged sums varying from fifty cents to two and three dollars per week. Out of a total of \$16,787, spent during the year for the support of children in families, \$8,462 was paid by parents and guardians, and an added sum of \$1,282 was paid by them for the board of children at the Training Farms.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON DEPARTMENTS FOR PLACING CHILDREN IN FAMILIES,

Including Temporary Training-Farms for Wayward Boys.

I. — DESTITUTE AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

Committee: Miss Chickering, Miss Jackson, Miss Morse.

	Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893.
Children in families at beginning of year	127	218
Placed during year	185	135
Total in families during year	312	353
Returned to relatives	77	123
Otherwise transferred or discharged	12	22
Died during year	5	7
Remaining in care at end of year	218	201

These children are sent directly to families, usually in the country, as a rule but one child, except in the case of brothers and sisters, being placed in each family, where they receive the same care and training as sons or daughters of the house. It is evident that this cannot be safely done unless each family has been thoroughly investigated and tested, and on this previous investigation, together with judicious fitting of children to places, and careful supervision, the success of our system depends.

Applicants for children are questioned as to details of their family, home life, and surroundings, and confidential letters of inquiry are sent to their references, and to others whose names have not been given by the applicant but who are known to us, or are likely to be persons of judgment and good standing. From these independent references come frank, careful, and well-considered answers. The information from these various sources is carefully recorded and weighed, and on it is based the approval or disapproval of the home; but all approvals, open always to reversal, are definitely reconsidered three months after the first child has been placed in the family, and confirmed or modified by experience.

The second element of success, judicious fitting of children to places, may be experimental at first, and sometimes several changes are made before the right place is found for a child. While too much changing should be avoided as tending to destroy the feeling of a permanent family life which we wish to foster in our children, experience often shows that a child who has been a failure in one place may become a success in another.

Our third requisite, supervision, is carried on by correspondence and visiting, and a written history is kept of each child. A visitor accompanies each child when placed, and soon makes a second visit; after this the amount of visiting varies with the child and family. When a child is well placed and visited by respectable parents less supervision is needed, with troublesome or uneasy children a great deal; but there must always be enough to establish and maintain the friendly relationship of visitor and child, that our boys and girls may feel they are not forgotten or uncared for, but have a real friend to turn to for counsel and sympathy. In visiting, both family and child are seen; the latter alone for a part of each visit. The school is generally visited and the teacher consulted as to the child's behavior and progress. Other points to be covered in visiting are whether the child eats at table with the family and has the same food, its clothing, sleeping arrangements, cleanliness, neatness, amount of schooling, church attendance, reading, companions, amusements, punishments, training in house or

farm work, its adaptability to the family, its happiness, special failings or habits, and progress in study, work, and character.

Our children in this department vary in age from infants to grown-up boys and girls, but all may be classed as destitute, neglected, or exposed. Wayward boys, in general, are not placed in families without preliminary fitting at the Training Farms; but the less wayward boys, formerly sent to the Weston Farm, are now placed directly in families; also some boys and girls addicted to peculiar habits and needing special moral education; for this latter class the rate of board is sometimes higher than for other children. The usual terms are \$2 a week for children over a year old, \$2.50 if under; clothing and doctor's services are also paid for. The total amount paid for board and clothing last year was \$15,299, of which parents and relatives paid \$8,064. 135 children have been received during the year, and at its close we have 201 in charge, — 98 at board, 71 free, 18 earning wages, and 14 temporarily with relatives, etc. Although more children stay with us over a year than under, our number is continually changing, some improvement in the family affairs making it possible for certain children to be returned to their relatives, while new developments cause others to be transferred to the care of the City or State. 123 children were returned to relatives last year, and 22 transferred to other agencies.

In exchange for the dangerous and exciting life of city streets, we give to each child the happy, daily round of a well-ordered country family, where it may learn decency and neatness, economy in the care and use of its clothes and other belongings, the sense of property in having a room of its own, the use of money and the feeling of responsibility taught by errands to the store or some neighbor's, consideration for others, a willingness and ability to take part in the work of the household, and withal more adaptability and independence of action than is learned in the sheltered, unenterprising, and less varied life of an institution.

Two women, with some volunteer assistance, investigate and record applications for children, and place and visit our 201 children. We are fortunate in having workers who are careful

and intelligent in their study of the needs of each child, and sympathetic and skilful in meeting them. The General Secretary of the Society arranges and superintends the methods and work of the department.

We wish to thank Dr. Henry L. Upham for free dental work, and Dr. Samuel W. Torrey for his care and treatment, free of charge, of three of our children at his private hospital at Beverly. We are much indebted to nine volunteers — Mrs. Edward Adams, Miss Sarah L. Adams, Miss Emily G. Balch, Miss Frances M. Birtwell, Miss Elise Cabot, Miss Elinor Curtis, Miss Mary R. Hodge, Miss Margaret Norton, Mrs. George Chapin Taft — for their help in writing and visiting.

2. — WAYWARD GIRLS.

Committee : Mrs. Loring, Miss Chickering, Miss Paine, Miss Parker.

	Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893.
In care of Committee at beginning of year	17	16
New cases during year	1	4
Returned to relatives or otherwise discharged	2	1
In care of Committee at end of year	16	19

	Oct. 1, 1891.	Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1893.
In institutions, still visited	2	4	3
With parents, still visited			2
Self-supporting	5	6	7
Boarded and clothed at expense of this Society	8	5	7
Clothed at expense of relatives		1	
Clothed at expense of this Society	2		
	—	—	—
Total in care of Committee	17	16	19

Twenty-seven years ago the Boston Children's Aid Society started a small institution for wayward girls on about the same basis as that of Pine Farm for wayward boys. After a trial of six years it was found that not a sufficient number of such girls came into the care of the Society to warrant its continuance. It was sold, and the income of the Shaw Fund, which was given for the benefit of girls, was accumulated from that time, 1872, until 1879, when it was put at the disposal of a committee, to be

spent for the care of wayward girls by placing them in families. The Committee felt that they must confine themselves to children to have good results, and they decided to follow about the same rule in regard to age and surrender as was then followed at Pine Farm. The rule, subject to some exceptions, is, that a girl must be under fourteen years of age, and that when she is put into the care of the Committee she is to remain so until she is sixteen or eighteen years old, as the agreement may be. The placing and visiting of these girls is done by the different members of the Committee and their Associate Visitors.

The Associate Visitors, at the date of this report, are Miss Caroline P. Cordner, Miss Lucia B. Cutts, Miss Georgina G. Eaton, Miss Lucy H. Lee, Miss Martha Silsbee, Miss Margaret B. Slade.

The children who are boarding appreciate their visitors and delight in a visit from them, but it is as the girls grow older that they depend upon their visitors more, and it is with these girls that the visitors can realize their power and helpfulness. One girl, who had always been so reticent and almost indifferent that it was discouraging to try to help her, wrote, "I wish you would find me another place, they are all so good here, they can never understand me." One whom the Society took seven years ago as a child running wild in Boston streets, has been self-supporting for several years. Last spring her health broke down, and she was obliged to remain idle for five months. The girl had no relatives nor friends to lean upon, so that her visitor has been her all in all. There are, indeed, discouraging cases; the worst during the past year, in fact ever, being girls who were under the care of the Committee in families for two years; instead of improving they became more and more troublesome, one stole, the other would not work; both were sent to the State Industrial School at Lancaster.

The graduates look upon their former visitors as their best friends. One confides in her visitor about her love affairs; another asks for advice in regard to keeping house. A girl who came to the Society fourteen years ago as a child who had been so surrounded by evil that it was considered wrong to allow her to be in any institution with other children, is now

married to a young carpenter, and has moved with him and their children to the South. She writes: "I wonder how you can be so kind after the way I used to bother and worry you, but I am glad to have a friend like you." Lately a letter came from the husband, saying: "I think it my duty as well as a privilege to write to you. . . . I feel so grateful to you for your kindness to N. before I knew her." A nice-looking, well-dressed young woman came to call on one of the Committee this year. She was the first girl taken, fourteen years ago, and she was one of the worst. After being in seven private families, for no one could bear her very long, she was sent to the Penitent Females' Refuge. She stayed there some time, then went out to service, and is now very well married.

There is nothing that appeals to the good that is in a child as much as for her to realize year by year that there is a lady who comes to see her, writes to her, gives her presents, and is her own dear friend, and that she will have that friend as long as she may wish. The longer the experience the more it is felt by the Committee that this friendly intercourse is the foundation for the best work amongst children, and it is only when the child is in a private family that it is possible. In spite of many discouragements the good accomplished, as a whole, far more than compensates for the care, anxiety, and trouble taken for the wayward girls.

3. — PINE FARM.

A Training Farm for 30 Wayward Boys, at West Newton, Mass.

Committee: Mr. Parsons, Mr. Edmands, Mrs. Edmands, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Loring, Miss Paine, Mr. Pickering, Mrs. Slade.

	Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893.
Number at beginning of year	23	25
Admitted	24	21
Returned from families	10	3
Placed in families	25	19
Discharged to relatives or otherwise	6	3
Died	1	0
Average daily number	27	25
Remaining at end of year	25	27

If one could look in upon the happy family of thirty boys at Pine Farm some winter evening, as they sit about, knitting, playing games, singing, or listening to reading aloud, he could not believe that it was but a short time before that these were amongst the worst boys in the streets of Boston. They come under the care of this Society because of unmanageableness, truancy, larceny, incendiarism, or some other offence. The boys are young, from ten to fourteen years old, and herein lies the hopefulness of the work; the experience of years has taught the Society that fully two-thirds of Pine Farm's bad boys become good men.

Pine Farm was bought by the Boston Children's Aid Society for wayward boys twenty-nine years ago, when West Newton was a very different place from what it is now. It was then a farming country, away from city influences, but with the march of improvement the rural character of the place is going, and all opportunity of living an economical farming life has gone. It is hoped that before long the land can be sold for house-lots, and another Pine Farm can be secured in a country district, but that time has not yet come.

The place contains twenty-seven acres of land, a house in the third story of which are two light, airy dormitories, a school-house and a workshop combined, a play-room, and a good-sized barn. The family consists of thirty boys, the superintendent and his wife, the schoolmaster, the assistant matron, and the farmer and his wife, who is the kitchen matron. The boys attend school three hours in summer, five in winter. Last June a schoolmaster was appointed for the first time, instead of a schoolmistress, and this change has proved to be a good one. The superintendent gives the older boys lessons in carpentering. Instruction is given in farm-work, the care of animals, housework in its various branches, namely, the care of the beds, tablework, bread-making, cleaning, washing, ironing, cooking, and knitting. The instruction in music, which a good friend has provided for the Pine Farm boys for years, is a constant source of delight, and has a most refining influence. On the monthly visiting day the boys entertain their parents and friends with songs, and the letters that they write

after leaving the Farm constantly bring messages to their beloved singing-master, Mr. L. E. Chase, of Newton. There is plenty of time, too, for fun; they have good skating, coasting, ball in its season; all the holidays are gaily kept, and other occasional outings are given. This life in the country develops a love for nature. When the foliage was at its brightest, and it was the day for writing home, almost every letter carried with it a little leaf or flower chosen for its beauty.

The devotion which is shown by those who have the boys in charge is testified to by the expressions of homesickness that the boys suffer when they go from Pine Farm into families. This homesickness is truly troublesome, and it is a serious question as to how it can be overcome.

The whole family attend the Congregational church in the village, and the boys go to its Sunday-school; their good deportment there is constantly spoken of.

Wayward boys are put at Pine Farm for training before being sent to families; this necessary training may be given in perhaps a few months, or a boy may have to stay in the school two years, or even longer; but the object is to keep the boy only just so long at the Training Farm as is thought necessary to fit him for the family life.

A few words from the boys themselves will give a better idea, perhaps, of the work done at Pine Farm. Last April J. S. writes from his place: "It does not seem as though it was nine months since I have been to see you. . . . We have eleven cows, one pair steers, two calves, and one horse. I milk all the cows and take the whole care of the barn and its contents. . . . Mr. W. told me he would let me come down home to see you about the 1st of August, and I look forward to that as a big time." After the visit he writes: "Not a moment from the time that I arrived at Pine Farm to the time that I left but what I was in my Glory, and I thank you all for entertaining me."

Another boy writes: "I get up at half-past four and sometimes at five . . . and go to work till seven at night. . . . When boys go away from Pine Farm they cannot play, but it is time for them to work. I like up here."

H. B. writes to Mrs. Piper: "My dear mother, you have been a mother to me, and I am going to call you my mother, and Mr. Piper has been the same. I will never forget you and your kindness. I hope you will eat all those cherries up I brought you. Give my love to all the directors and tell them I am very grateful to them for what they have paid out and done for me."

This report of Pine Farm cannot be closed without a tender expression of gratitude and love for the Rev. Dr. Patrick, who has resigned the pastorate of the church where the boys have always worshipped. He was not content merely to see this large family come to his church Sunday after Sunday, but always had a deep feeling for the boys in his heart, and was a constant visitor at Pine Farm.

We are under obligation to Dr. Albert Nott for attendance upon the boys, and to Dr. C. E. A. Ross for dental work.

4. — ROCK LAWN FARM.

A Training Farm for 25 Wayward Boys, at Foxborough, Mass.

Committee: Mrs. Lamb, Miss Jackson, Mr. Lamb.

	Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893.
Number at beginning of year	24	24
Admitted	14	8
Returned from families	8	3
Placed in families	19	12
Discharged to relatives or otherwise	3	1
Average daily number	23	23
Remaining at end of year	24	22

The house and farm belong to Mr. and Mrs. Morse, who act as superintendent and matron, Mrs. Morse also teaching the school. The house has been gradually enlarged so that it can hold twenty-eight boys, but the Committee prefer to have the number twenty-five, so as to keep it strictly a family, not an institution. There are six bed-rooms for the boys, — each holding from two to nine single beds in charge of monitors at night, — living-rooms and school-room downstairs, and a play-room and workshop in an outer building. Mrs. Morse, with the help of a woman and the boys, takes charge of the housekeeping and school, nearly all the clothing being made in the house, even

suits, caps, and overcoats, either from new cloth given by friends, or cut over from old suits that are sent in. The clothing and food are such as farmers' sons would find in their own homes, and the family all sit together at table, and have the same fare.

The farm is about 125 acres, and the boys work on it under the guidance of Mr. Morse and his hired man. In summer they raise small fruits and the usual farm crops; in winter they learn to cut and pile wood, and some slight use of tools, and they are at all times taught kindness to animals and the old-fashioned economies of country life, mending their own shoes and farm implements, painting, repairing, and other odd jobs about the house and farm. Each boy has a vegetable garden of his own, and some of them have raised enough corn and beans to give to their mothers on visiting days. In autumn they pick cranberries for the neighbors, by which they earned \$150 for the Society this year.

The school is closed during the cranberry season, except for those boys who are too small to pick, otherwise it keeps four and a half hours a day in winter and two in summer. Mrs. Morse has the rare gift of inspiring her boys with an ambition and love for study, and they show marked progress under her sympathetic teaching. An effort has been made this year to have the school visited regularly by the Foxborough School Committee.

One afternoon a week Mrs. Morse reads the weekly or agricultural papers aloud with explanations and discussions, and a vote is taken on election days. Boys who can be trusted are sent on errands alone to the post-office or store, thereby learning the value of money, making change, and the necessity of being trustworthy. The Stamp-Savings system has been introduced this year, and the boys have saved \$9.15. Outdoor sports of all kinds, including swimming, are strongly encouraged, and other pleasant hours are passed in indoor games, reading, and lingering over the supper-table to chat when the work of the day is done.

The moral training is such as wise and loving parents would give to their own children. Every three months the Committee,

with Mr. and Mrs. Morse, go over the behavior record of each boy, comparing it with his earlier ones; this is always instructive, and generally encouraging.

Boys are placed out as soon as possible, but the time spent at the Farm varies greatly. The average stay of the 12 boys placed this year was 23 months. Mr. Morse has written 100 letters this year to boys in places, and received as many. Often these boys come back to spend a day or night, or for a longer visit, and this is one of the pleasantest parts of the work to Mr. and Mrs. Morse. Ten have visited their old home this year, looking neat and well-off, most of them with money in the bank, and all sure of a cordial welcome and interest in their affairs.

We do not look for a complete moral transformation in our boys, for we know too well the changeable nature we have to work on; but experience is showing us that while that nature is growing and peculiarly open to impressions, much may be done to guide and strengthen it in the right way by firm but wise control, a due regard to its need for amusement as well as work, a steady patience, and, above all, by an ever constant sympathy and love.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Lemuel Dickerman, of Foxborough, for his free services; to the Congregational church for free seats; to Dr. A. C. Mair (dentist), and Mr. Nichols (photographer), both of Foxborough, for reduced rates.

5.—WAYWARD BOYS PLACED OUT FROM TRAINING FARMS.

The Committee on the Placing-Out Agency, whose report in regard to destitute and neglected children has already been given, report as follows of the boys sent to families from Pine and Rock Lawn Farms:

	Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893.	
Number in families at beginning of year:			
In boarding homes	7	6	
In free homes	53	53	
In homes with wages	51	55	
	— 111	— 114	
Pending, or otherwise placed at beginning of year	7	20	
Placed during year	50	33	
Returned to Training Farms	18	6	
Returned to relatives under care of Graduate Agent	16	14	

	Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1892, to Oct. 1, 1893.
Number in families at end of year :		
In boarding homes	6	5
In free homes	53	54
In homes with wages	55	44
	— 114	— 103
Pending or otherwise placed at end of year	20	11

After due preparation at the Training Farms, boys are placed in farmers' families, and while the investigation of families and general plan of work are the same as for the children sent directly from the city, the difference lies in the kind of boy to be provided for.

A few only of the youngest boys are boarded on leaving the Training Farms, and almost none are worth wages at first, so the homes in demand are those where a boy will receive board and clothing in return for his work about the house and farm, the schooling required by law (30 weeks a year in Massachusetts, 26 weeks in Vermont, and 12 or 16 weeks in other New England states), and as much more as can be obtained. Boys over school age sometimes get 12 to 14 weeks a year, unless they are earning wages. In placing these boys our chief aim is to secure a continuance of the good influences brought to bear on them at the Training Farms, hence families of intelligence and good morals must be selected, who are willing to give some time and thought to training the boy. Many of our homes are distant from any town, and it is sometimes hard to secure enough young companionship for the boys who have become used to it at the Training Farms; but church sociables, the County Fair, and town library are common sources of entertainment.

Farmers taking boys are expected to pay their car-fares, to return them with as good an outfit as they brought, to consider all information about them strictly confidential, to see that they attend school, church, or Sunday-school, and to hold themselves responsible, as far as possible, for the boys' physical, mental, and moral welfare. A paper stating these and other conditions on which boys are placed is sent to each applicant before taking a boy. Supervision is carried on by visiting and correspondence, boys being expected to write once a month, and those taking them once in two months, besides regular statements as

to clothing, school attendance, and wages. Many families welcome this plan of coöperation with us, reporting oftener than is required.

Boarded boys are transferred to free homes at the earliest possible moment, and those in free homes to homes where wages are paid. 33 boys have been placed during the year, 14 have returned to the city, where they are under the supervision of the Graduate Agent, 36 have been transferred from one family to another, and 103 are now in charge of this department, 5 of them boarded, 54 free, and 44 earning wages. During the year 16 boys have put \$219.70 in the savings bank; 10 have withdrawn in all \$101. The total number of bank accounts is 108, and the total amount on deposit \$1,119.15.

One woman has charge of these boys, with some assistance from our Graduate Agent. It is no easy task to keep both farmers and boys content, but our visitor brings to the work a ready tact and patience, and a broad, clear-sighted wisdom in dealing with the individual peculiarities of each case.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON DEPARTMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN HOMES IN THE CITY.

I. — "GRADUATES" AND "PROBATIONERS."

Committee: Mr. Lamb, Mrs. J. T. Coolidge, Jr., Mr. Hubbard.

	—Boys under supervision.—		
	Graduates.	Probationers.	Total.
Oct. 1, 1891	95	91	186
" 1, 1892	127	173	300
" 1, 1893	123	196	319

WORK FOR GRADUATES.

The "graduates" of Pine Farm and Rock Lawn Farm are those boys who, having passed a sufficient time at these Training Farms, and having been placed in the country for a certain length of time, have returned to their homes in the city to be confronted with the temptations which in many cases first caused their being placed under our care.

Until recently our Society felt that its work ended there,

but several years ago some of us tried to bring these boys together in a club for the purpose of keeping in touch with them. The Trimountain Club, as we called ourselves, met very often, and was successful in a way. Many pleasant evenings were passed in a cosy room on Beacon Hill. Games and papers were provided, and occasionally a treat of some kind. After this experiment, which proved not wholly successful, we tried meeting in the reading-room and gymnasium of St. Andrew's Parish House, of which we were given the free use and where we had gymnastic exercises.

But again we were not satisfied that we were doing these boys much good in bringing them together. Many of them were seventeen or eighteen years old, and at times difficult to manage; but our reason for discontinuing the work in this way was that we felt that more good could be done each boy by having some friend who could visit him in his home, and to whom he could turn for counsel, assistance in finding employment, etc. Many of these boys are of a roving nature, and do not persevere in any one direction, and are constantly losing their business places. Mr. S. C. Lawrence was engaged to be this friendly adviser, and he has succeeded admirably in gaining the respect and affection of the boys. He has under his charge 123 graduates, in addition to the 196 probation boys. We try not to offer advice where it is not wanted, and when the boys are married or have become well established, our work ceases, except to show our friendly interest when, as constantly happens, they seek us out.

Of course this work requires the greatest tact and patience. Questions of a puzzling nature often present themselves, and once a week, all the year round, our Committee meets for an hour's talk about the more difficult cases.

PROBATION WORK.

The probation work covers a large field, and touches at many points with other work.

Our probation agent, Mr. Lawrence, attends the Central Municipal Court, and when any boys are to be tried, he reads the main points of their cases in the docket. Sometimes he

knows something of a case beforehand, and sometimes finds the parents present and talks with them. He is often appealed to by the judges as to the best disposition of a case.

If it is a first offence, and not of too serious a nature, the boy is placed on probation under Mr. Lawrence's charge. Then the question is how best to help the boy to keep on his feet. In cases of truancy, the home is visited and the parents made to feel that they have a friend who is interested in their boy. The boy reports in person to Mr. Lawrence once a week at first, and the teacher writes a frequent report of his conduct. In this way the boy is helped along through a critical time, and often with excellent results. Nor is the case dropped as soon as the short term of probation is over; Mr. Lawrence continues his active interest as long as the need is apparent, and is often appealed to for help and advice long afterwards by old probationers who look upon him as their friend.

In the case of older boys who are in employment, his methods are necessarily different. The employer may be visited and induced by Mr. Lawrence to give the boy another trial; or other employment may be found, or the boy helped or encouraged to find it for himself. Always the home is visited, and whenever it is possible to bring any other influence to bear — such as the church, a boys' club, or a Home Library — this also is accomplished. If a boy has no home, a good boarding-place is found; and if there is any striking fault in the boy's character, such as unpunctuality, or slackness at his work, Mr. Lawrence undertakes his training, seeing him as often as possible and exerting his personal influence over him. This personal influence is, of course, a very strong factor in the work. Many of the boys turn to Mr. Lawrence in their need, and he evidently inspires them and their parents with a feeling of trust and real friendship.

Sometimes the judges in the district and suburban courts turn to the Society for advice and assistance, and Mr. Lawrence is usually sent to investigate cases thus brought to our attention. 31 boys have been taken on probation from the courts during the year. There were also 33 informal probationers, who came directly from truant-officers and others. These, with the former

"probationers" still visited, make a total of 196, in addition to the 123 "graduates," whom also Mr. Lawrence visits.

The agent of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul also attends court, and takes charge of the Catholic boys, just as Mr. Lawrence becomes surety for the Protestant boys.

The probation girls, whom formerly one of the women assistants from our office took in charge, are now looked after by the recently appointed municipal probation officer for women and girls. That office, however, covers only the Central Municipal Court. When a request is received from a district or suburban court for the investigation of the case of a girl, the matter is looked into by one of our women agents.

A few individual cases of different kinds of probationers will help to illustrate the nature of the work:

J. W. J., a twelve-year-old American boy in East Boston; poor and respectable parents of the laboring class; an informal probationer, not from the court, but reported in November, 1891, to Mr. Lawrence by the truant-officer. The latter said he must go either to Deer Island or to Pine Farm. He played truant persistently, was mischievous, and in bad company. Mr. Lawrence interested himself in the family, had the boy report weekly, talked with and befriended him, and he has never since played truant, or fallen into his old ways. The mother is very grateful, and says it was the saving of her boy.

W. R., a Russian Jew, born in New York, and living in South Boston; an only child; sixteen years old; the parents good people; the father a cigar-maker. The boy worked in a shoe factory; was brought into court with the foreman as complainant, for having stolen a number of shoe lasts. The lasts were found in the shop of an old Jew, who had bribed him to steal them. The boy pleaded guilty, and was placed on probation. Mr. Lawrence asked his employer if he would take him back. The employer said no, but after further urging by Mr. Lawrence, reinstated him. Otherwise he would probably have loafed through the winter.

C. L., a bright, fifteen-year-old Swede, living in Cambridge, arrested in Boston for stealing small wares from a men's furnishing store where he worked. Had run away from home a month

before, under an assumed name, after a slight quarrel with his mother. Has a step-father who is a fireman in a factory and a good man. The boy was sent to jail where Mr. Lawrence saw him, and he was then put on probation. The step-father repaid the shop-keeper for his loss, and was eager to have the boy return to school and get a good education. The boy was very reluctant and ashamed to go back to school, but Mr. Lawrence persuaded him to do so, and went with him to the teacher. He continues to live at home and go to school, and he and the teacher both report to Mr. Lawrence.

It is, of course, impossible to get at the actual amount of good accomplished in work of this kind, as part of it is beneath the surface, where it cannot be weighed and classified. Enough is above the surface, however, to give evidence of a strong power for good brought to bear on the lives of many boys.

2. — HOME LIBRARIES.

Committee: Mr. Pickering, Miss Paine.

	Oct. 1, 1891.	Oct. 1, 1892.	Oct. 1, 1893.
Home Libraries	49	60	68
Volunteer Visitors ¹	44	44	52
Membership	412	570	646

The year opens with sixty-eight Home Libraries in active operation, eight more than in October, 1892. Interest in reading has increased, and discrimination and choice in the kind of books demanded are abundantly shown. The reading of these books before they enter the libraries is, as heretofore, most carefully done, and no book is admitted unless pronounced to be of absolutely non-sectarian character and tendency.

Encouraging signs of the value of the libraries are that in cases where daytime meetings have been discontinued by reason of the members going out to work, urgent requests have come to have them resumed at evening hours when all could attend; and in such facts as these: that a group of from 12 to 16 boys attended with unflinching regularity during the summer, despite the attractions of outdoor sports, and listened with unflagging interest while the visitor read aloud; that under the influence

¹ On pages 42, 43, 44, will be found lists of the volunteer visitors and book-reviewers.

of the libraries the family life shows a marked improvement in cleanliness, decency, and order; and that in several instances the result has been the formation of new habits of industry and thrift, and an entire and permanent change for the better in all departments of the household. Libraries and visitors are cordially welcomed, and the removal of a library by reason of the moving of the family is almost always accompanied with expressions of hearty regret.

Stamp savings show a total of \$837.60 on hand Oct. 1, 1893, by 57 groups, an average of \$14.69 to a group. The distribution of this money when withdrawn is in most cases known to the visitor, being usually the purchase of clothes, and in one instance to help towards buying a home.

At the spring sale of plants under our direction, 383 plants were sold to the library members at 8 cents apiece, and 60 were exhibited at the autumn festival, which was open to all bringing live plants bought in the spring or at previous sales. More than this number, however, are known to have survived.

By the courtesy of the Boston and Gloucester Steamboat Company, and of Mr. I. S. Carpenter, of the Nantasket Breeze Fund, the children of the libraries were offered at least one excursion each during the summer in company of the general visitor, the summer assistant, or the volunteer visitors.

The libraries have also had an important effect upon neighborhood conditions, particularly in the checking of truancy, the prevention of the solicitation of children's pennies for policy-drawings, and the prevention of child-abuse. Opportunities for the detection of crimes and misdemeanors of these kinds are frequent, but facilities for good preventive work are greater still. Every avenue of approach and influence is open to the wise, patient, sympathetic visitor. We are confident of the permanent value of the work, and shall further its extension so far as public coöperation in money and the enlisting of new visitors will permit.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Committee : Mr. Parsons, Mr. Edmands, Mr. Hale,
Miss Parker, Mr. Pickering.

Until eight years ago the usual annual expenses of the Society were about \$5,000. Of this sum about \$2,000 was obtained from the income of invested funds.

At that time, in the belief that the Society was not doing all that it should do, closer relations were established with the courts, police, truant-officers, agents of charitable societies, and the poor themselves. Out of the real needs thus revealed to us has grown a largely increased work.

Now \$36,000 a year, in addition to the payments by relatives of the children, would be barely sufficient for the work we have undertaken. But in view of the present business depression, the effort is being made to keep the net annual expenditure within \$30,000. This reduction means inability to do some things that very much need to be done. It means overwork for our reduced force of workers. Further curtailment would be disastrous in the extreme.

Our resources include an annual income of about \$3,000 from invested funds. But whereas the \$2,000 received in this way eight years ago was two-fifths of the total annual expenditure at that time, the present income of \$3,000 from this source is only one-tenth of the present annual expenditure. We believe that so large and important a work ought to have behind it a larger assured income, that at least one-third, and if possible one-half, of the needed annual income should be secured by invested funds.

We hope, therefore, that the financial position of the Society may be strengthened by gifts and bequests to its invested funds sufficient to increase them from the present amount, about \$50,000, to at least \$200,000, so that the income from such funds may no longer be so disproportionate to the size of our work. The gifts during the past year of \$1,000 by Miss Emily H. Bourne, and \$5,000 by Mrs. Mary Hemenway, to be added to the invested funds of the Society, are, we hope, but an earnest of similar help from other public-spirited citizens.

Even with such increased funds as a financial basis, we should need at least \$20,000, annually, in subscriptions and donations, for current expenses. For the coming year, Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894, in addition to our slight income from invested funds, we need \$27,000.

Our Committee meets monthly to consider the financial needs and policy of the Society. By rigid economy, by obtaining the largest possible amount of help from relatives of the children, by carefully avoiding the unnecessary assumption of burdens belonging to others, we aim to make the money intrusted to us do the utmost possible good.

Not a few of the subscribers of years ago have increased their gifts in appreciation of the greater necessities of such work in our city to-day and the increased effort being made to meet these necessities. We appeal for a more general recognition of the present situation and work by our earlier subscribers. And to our citizens generally, only a handful of whom at present contribute to the Society, we appeal for financial support.

This report should not close without an appreciative record of the fact that in the death of Mrs. Alicia Harriet Scudder the Society has lost a devoted and helpful member of the Board of Directors, whose attention for many years was especially given to Pine Farm; and in that of Miss Mary Anne Wales, a friend whose deep interest and generous financial support covered both the beginnings of the work and every phase of its more recent growth.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

NOVEMBER 10, 1893.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

EDWARD JACKSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOSTON
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1893.¹

Receipts.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1892		\$1,867 47
Income from invested funds		2,030 40
Subscriptions		2,943 00
Donations for general treasury		18,415 56
Special donations:		
For salaries	\$1,100 00	
" Bureau of Information	800 00	
" Placing-Out Agency	810 00	
" care of wayward girls	150 00	
From boys at Rock Lawn Farm	270 14	
For Probation Agency	1,000 00	
" Home Libraries	346 12	
" Summer Fund	5 00	
" Christmas Fund	82 00	
" subscription to New England Conference of Charities, Correction and Philanthropy	8 00	
" Incidental Fund	1 00	
		4,572 26
Sale of produce at Pine Farm		200 00
Received of parents and guardians for support:		
Of boys at Pine Farm	\$782 69	
" boys at Rock Lawn Farm	446 43	
" boys at Weston Farm	53 73	
" children in families	8,064 98	
" wayward girls in families	268 75	
" graduates in families	13 00	
For supervision	115 55	
Refunds	101 72	
		9,846 85
Received of benevolent individuals for board of children	\$1,034 81	
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$1,034 81	\$39,875 54

¹The report of the Treasurer for the preceding year was published early in 1893, together with the subscriptions and donations during that period.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,034 81	\$39,875 54
Received of charitable societies for board of children,	312 67	
" from Overseers of the Poor for board of children	960 89	
	<hr/>	2,308 37
Borrowed of Suffolk National Bank		3,000 00
Investments:		
Legacy from C. E. Billings	\$500 00	
Gift from Mrs. Mary Hemenway	5,000 00	
" " Miss Emily H. Bourne	1,000 00	
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		\$51,683 91

Expenditures.

Paid on new barn, etc., at Pine Farm, on account of fire of 1892,	\$1,472 99	
Pine Farm and Rock Lawn Farm for Christmas	50 00	
Safe-rent and collection of subscriptions and donations	43 52	
Subscription to New England Conference of Charities, Cor- rection and Philanthropy	10 00	
Services of General Secretary, stenographer, bookkeeper	3,819 67	
Bureau of Information. — Services of four assistants (one only part of year)	3,283 15	
Placing-Out Agency. — Services of four assistants (one only part of year)	2,190 06	
Children placed in families. — Board	\$14,458 20	
Clothing	841 71	
Travel	57 14	
Miscellaneous	225 38	
	<hr/>	15,582 43
Wayward girls placed in families. — Board	\$694 55	
Clothing	167 09	
Travel	55 61	
	<hr/>	917 25
Boys from the Training Farms placed in fam- ilies. — Board	\$561 21	
Clothing	64 35	
Miscellaneous	3 12	
	<hr/>	628 68
Pine Farm. — Provisions	\$1,561 57	
Clothing	419 86	
Farm	769 61	
Fuel	247 28	
House and school supplies	365 67	
Repairs	373 72	
Travel	51 90	
Sundries	30 06	
Salaries	1,949 20	
	<hr/>	5,768 87
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<i>Carried forward,</i>		\$33,766 62

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$33,766 62
Rock Lawn Farm. — Board of boys	\$2,416 69	
Clothing	75 80	
Salaries	900 00	
	<hr/>	3,392 49
Graduates and Probationers. — Visitor	\$800 00	
Probationers, expenses incurred for	85	
Graduates " " "	3 10	
	<hr/>	803 95
Home Libraries. — Services of general visitor and summer assistant	\$767 63	
Travel	57 56	
Express	19 80	
Cost of books	230 28	
Supplies	60 34	
	<hr/>	1,135 61
General Expenses. — Travel	\$1,080 93	
Stationery	244 52	
Postage	439 89	
Printing	67 62	
Express and telegraph	72 66	
Lighting and heating office	144 64	
Care of office	74 50	
Equipment of office	71 53	
Sundries	138 37	
Special	370 77	
Office boy	125 61	
	<hr/>	2,831 04
Boston Children's Aid Society Library		3 17
Placing-Out Agency Library		7 35
Christmas		105 78
Paid loan of October, 1892		2,500 00
Investments:		
Hemenway Fund — mortgage (\$600 still due)	\$4,400 00	
Bourne Fund	1,007 50	
Billings Fund	523 75	
	<hr/>	5,931 25
Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$785 07	
" " Assistant Treasurer	309 03	
" " General Secretary	77 81	
" " Supt. of Pine Farm	34 74	
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EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, November 9, 1893.

Examined and found correct.

THEOPHILUS PARSONS, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

For the Year ending September 30, 1893.¹

A. B.	\$100 00	Cabot, R. C.	\$5 00
Allen, Frank A.	7 71	Capen, Samuel B.	5 00
Ames, Mrs. J. B.	20 00	Carey, Arthur A.	1,000 00
Amory, Miss Anna S.	25 00	Cary, Miss A. P.	10 00
Amory, Miss Anna S.	132 00	Cary, Mrs. E. M.	25 00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25 00	Cary, Mrs. E. M.	25 00
Atkinson, George	10 00	Cary, Mrs. E. M.	50 00
Austin, Edward	10 00	Cary, Miss G. S.	5 00
Balch, Francis V.	100 00	Cash	500 00
Barnard, J. M.	5 00	Chase, Mr. and Mrs. W. L.	10 00
Barnard, Mrs. George M. and Miss M. L.	100 00	Cheever, Dr. D. W.	5 00
Bartlett, Miss Fanny	20 00	Cheney, Rev. W. F.	14 43
B. B. Sewing Circle of Cambridge	6 00	Clapp, C. R.	6 00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	3 00	Clapp, Miss Mabel D.	50 00
Beal, Thomas P.	5 00	Clapp, Mrs.	10 00
Bigelow, Mrs. H.	5 00	Clark, Mrs. S. E.	4 00
Bigelow, Miss M. A.	5 00	Clarke, Mrs. Eliot C.	10 00
Bigelow, Miss M. A.	25 00	Clarke, Mrs. J. F.	5 00
Bigelow, Dr. William S.	20 00	C. M.	5 00
Bigelow, Dr. William S.	60 00	Cochrane, Mrs. A.	10 00
Blake, Arthur W.	25 00	Codman, C. R.	10 00
Blake, Mrs. Arthur W.	50 00	Collamore, The Misses	20 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	5 00
Blake, Mrs. G. B.	10 00	Coolidge, A. C.	10 00
Blake, Mrs. S. P.	10 00	Coolidge, Mrs. David H.	10 00
Bond, Miss M. M.	5 00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. R.	10 00
Booth, F.	10 00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr.	2 00
Boston Provident Association	5 00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr.	45 85
Bowditch, Miss Charlotte	5 00	Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.	10 00
Bowditch, W. I.	5 00	Cram, R. A.	5 00
Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. R. M.	5 00	Crickets, The, Cambridge, through Miss M. L. Drew	5 00
Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. R. M.	5 00	C. T. H., In memory of	20 00
Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. R. M.	10 00	Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	10 00
Bourne, Miss Emily H.	1,000 00	Curtis, Greely S.	10 00
Bourne, Miss Emily H.	1,000 00	Cushing, Robert M.	25 00
Bradlee, Miss Helen C.	50 00	C. W.	5 00
Bradlee, Miss Helen C.	500 00	Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5 00
Bremer, John L.	50 00	Dale, Mrs. Lydia J.	5 00
Brewer, E. M.	25 00	Dalton, Charles H.	10 00
Brewer, Miss Lucy	5 00	Dana, Mrs. R. H.	5 00
Brewer, Miss Lucy	5 00	Davis, Mrs. E. L.	5 00
Brimmer, Martin	500 00	Dewey, Miss Mary E.	2 00
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	25 00	Dillingham, Rev. Pitt	10 00
Bryant, Mrs. H.	20 00	Directors of Boston Children's Aid Society, for New England Conference of Charities, Correction and Philanthropy	8 00
Buck, Mrs. David	5 00	Dodge, John L.	5 00
Bullard, W. S.	20 00	Dole, Rev. Charles F.	5 00
Bunker, Alfred	2 00	Drummond, Mrs. James	10 00
Burnham, John A.	10 00	Dwight, Edmund	10 00
Burnham, Mrs. John A., Jr.	5 00	Eaton, Miss G. G.	20 00
Burnham, Mrs. John A., Jr.	25 00	Eaton, Mrs. W. S.	20 00
Burr, C. C.	20 00	Edmands, Thomas S.	100 00
Burr, I. T.	25 00	Edmands, Thomas S.	10 00
C.	5 00	Eliot, Mrs. Samuel	10 00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20 00	Ellison, Mrs. F. B.	20 00
Cabot, J. E.	10 00		
Cabot, J. H.	20 00		

¹The subscriptions and donations for the preceding year were published early in 1893, together with the report of the treasurer for that period.

Endicott, Miss Clara T.	\$10 00	Hollingsworth, Mrs. P. R.	\$5 00
Endicott, William, Jr.	250 00	Holmes, O. W.	10 00
Endicott, Mrs. William, 3d.	25 00	Hooper, E. W.	50 00
Episcopal City Mission	32 00	Hooper, E. W.	50 00
Evans, Mrs. C. W.	2 00	Horsford, Miss Lillian	15 00
Everett, Dr. William	5 00	Howe, Henry S.	15 00
Faulkner, Mrs. George	20 00	Hubbard, C. Eustis	10 00
Faxon, John G.	5 00	Hubbard, C. W.	50 00
Fay, J. S.	10 00	Hubbard, C. W.	10 00
Fay, Miss Sarah B.	20 00	Hubbard, James M.	5 00
Fenno, L. C.	5 00	Hudson, John E.	20 00
Fette, Mrs. W. E.	10 60	Humphreys, James H.	5 00
Fields, Mrs. Annie	2 00	Humphreys, Richard C.	5 00
Fiske, Mrs. Andrew	5 00	Hunnehan, Miss Elizabeth A.	2 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	100 00	Hunnewell, F. W.	25 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	10 00	Hunnewell, H. H.	100 00
Fitz, Mr. and Mrs. W. S.	300 00	Hunnewell, Walter	25 00
Fitzgerald, Desmond	5 00	Inches, Mrs. J. C.	10 00
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Desmond	5 00	Jackson, Miss Anna P.	20 00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10 00	Jackson, Miss Anna P.	25 00
Folsom, Miss Amy	25 00	Jackson, Miss Anna P.	4 50
Forbes, J. M.	50 00	Jackson, Miss Anna P.	10 00
Freeman, Miss G. E.	3 00	Jackson, Miss Anna P.	9 60
Friend	500 00	Jackson, Mrs. C. C.	17 33
Friend	1 00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.	31 67
Friend	500 00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.	3 55
Friend	1 00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.	20 00
Friend	50 00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.	10 00
Friend	5 00	Jackson, Edward	50 00
Friend, through C. W. B.	50 00	Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	25 00
Friend, through C. W. B.	1,500 00	Jackson, Miss M. C.	25 00
Friend, through C. W. B.	500 00	Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5 00
Friend, through C. W. B.	2 00	Jaques, Miss Helen L.	5 00
Friend, for Placing-Out Agency Li- brary	10 00	Jaynes, C. P.	20 00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen	5 00	Jewett, Miss Sarah O.	10 00
Fry, Mrs. Charles	25 00	Johnson, S. F.	2 00
Gamma Delta of Boston University	33 00	Joy, Mrs. C. H.	10 00
Gilbert, Edward H.	10 00	Kidder, H. F.	10 00
Glover, J. B.	50 00	Kidder, Mrs. H. P.	10 00
Goddard, George A.	25 00	Kimball, Mrs. D. P.	50 00
Gorham, Mrs. W. H.	5 00	Kittredge, Mrs. J. C.	10 00
Gray, Mrs. Asa	10 00	Kuhn, Mrs. H.	5 00
Gray, Miss E. C.	50 00	Lamb, H. A.	50 00
Gray, Mrs. Horace	50 00	Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100 00
Gray, Miss M. C.	10 00	Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	10 00
Greene, Charles G.	10 00	Lawrence, Miss Marion	3 00
Greene, Mrs. J. S. Copley	5 00	Lawrence, Rev. Wm.	25 00
Greenough, C. P.	2 00	Lawrence, Mrs. W. R.	5 00
Greenough, Mrs. H.	10 00	Laughlin, Mrs. Harriet M.	25 00
Grew, Henry S.	50 00	Laughlin, Mrs. Harriet M.	75 00
Grew, Henry S.	7 43	Lee, George C.	25 00
Grew, Henry S.	25 00	Lee, Joseph	20 00
Grew, Mrs. Henry S.	155 45	Lodge, Mrs. J. E.	10 00
Grew, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S.	200 00	Loring, C. W.	10 00
Guild, Mrs. S. E.	10 00	Loring, Mrs. W. C.	125 00
Guirey, Mrs. Mary Y.	24 40	Loring, Mrs. W. C.	10 00
Hale, George S.	20 00	Lovering, Mrs. C. T.	10 00
Hammer, E. C.	25 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	25 00
Hammond, Mrs. George Warren	5 00	Lowell, Miss A. C.	25 00
Harding, George C.	5 00	Lowell, Miss G.	25 00
Haynes, John C.	100 00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	25 00
Haynes, John C.	250 00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	50 00
Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10 00	Lowell, Hon. John	10 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	1,100 00	Lowell, Mrs. John	10 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	5,000 00	Lowell, Miss Lucy	10 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	50 00	Lyman, Miss Annie	10 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	100 00	Lyman, Miss Ella	10 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	100 00	Lyman, George H.	10 00
Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	226 99	Lyman, Miss Julia	10 00
Higginson, Mrs. H. L.	15 00	Lyman, Theodore	25 00
Higginson, J. A.	5 00	Lynn Boys' Club	76 23
Higginson, Waldo	10 00	Manning, Miss A. F.	5 00
Hili, Mrs. A. S.	25 00	Manning, Mrs. F. C.	5 00
Hill, Mrs. A. S.	99 27	Mason, Miss F. P.	4 50
Hodges, Dr. R. M.	10 00		

Mason, Miss Ida M.	\$100 00	Richardson, Spencer W.	\$10 00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	200 00	Rock Lawn Farm Boys	120 14
Mason, Miss Ida M.	800 00	Rodman, Mrs. Alfred	5 00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	600 00	Rodman, S. W.	10 00
Mason, W. P.	20 00	Rogers, Miss A. P.	500 00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire So-		Rogers, Miss A. P.	200 00
cietv	50 00	Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5 00
Massachusetts Prison Association .	8 00	Ropes, J. C.	20 00
Massachusetts Society for Prevention		Rotch, Mrs. B. S.	500 00
of Cruelty to Children	7 50	Russell, Miss Laura S.	5 00
Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10 00	Russell, Mrs. Robert Shaw	10 00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5 00		
May, Miss Eleanor G., Trustee . . .	25 00	Saint Stephen's House, through Rev.	
McKenna, George	2 00	C. H. Brent	64 86
Merriam, Charles	10 00	Saltonstall, Henry	100 00
Metcalfe, Mrs. Robert C.	2 00	Saltonstall, L.	5 00
Minot, Mrs. C. H.	5 00	Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M.	15 00
Minot, Dr. F.	5 00	Sampson, Charles E.	10 00
Minot, William	5 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25 00
Moors, John F.	10 00	Sargent, George W.	1 85
Morgan, Charles R.	10 79	Scudder, Mrs. M. S.	5 00
Morgan, Charles R.	13 56	Seamen's Orphans and Children's	
Morse, J. C., Jr.	30 00	Friend Society	32 00
Morse, Miss Frances R.	20 00	Sears, Mrs. A. M.	25 00
Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25 00	Sears, Dr. Henry F.	25 00
Motley, Edward	10 00	Sears, Mrs. K. W.	25 00
Motley, Mrs. E. Preble	5 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00
Murdock, Miss Maria	10 00	Sharp, Miss A. G.	25 00
		Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	50 00
Nichols, B. W.	25 00	Shattuck, Dr. George C.	7 00
Nichols, Mrs. F. W.	15 96	Shaw, Miss Anna B.	10 00
Nichols, J. Howard	25 00	Shaw, Francis	10 00
Nichols, Miss M. P.	5 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	50 00
Norcross, Miss Eleanor	60 00	Shaw, H. R.	5 00
North, James N.	200 00	Shaw, Quincy A.	1,200 00
		Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100 00
Paine, Mrs. C. J.	100 00	Sheldon, Miss J. R.	10 00
Paine, Miss Helen	5 00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10 00
Paine, Miss Helen	3 00	Shuman, A.	25 00
Paine, The Misses	50 00	Silsbee, Miss Martha	5 00
Paine, Robert Treat	10 00	Simpkins, Miss M. W.	5 00
Paine, "Robert Treat Paine Associ-		Skinner, Mrs. F.	25 00
ation"	500 00	Slade, Mr. and Mrs. D. D.	10 00
Palfrey, The Misses	2 00	Snell, Mrs. A. L.	10 00
Palfrey, Mr. & Mrs. J. C.	6 00	Spencer, A. W.	100 00
Parker, C. W.	5 00	Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10 00
Parker, Miss E. G.	10 00	Stackpole, Mrs. S. M.	5 00
Parkinson, Mrs. John	25 00	Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	10 00
Parkman, Miss E. S.	5 00	Stevenson, Miss A. B.	5 00
Parkman, Miss M. R.	30 79	Stevenson, Miss M. C.	5 00
Parsons, Miss G.	15 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	10 00
Parsons, Theophilus	50 00	Stone, Miss F. H.	5 00
Parsons, Theophilus	5 00	Stone, John H.	5 00
Partridge, Mrs. William O., proceeds		Sturgis, Mrs. John H.	5 00
of parlor talk on China, by Rev.		Sullivan, Richard	5 00
Sidney Partridge	52 50	Sunday School of All Souls Unitarian	
Peabody, F. H.	25 00	Church, Roxbury	17 50
Peabody, John E.	10 00	Sunday School Class of Miss Blood,	
Peabody, Miss Mary C.	5 00	First Parish Church, Fitchburg .	15 00
Peabody, O. W.	10 00	Sunday School of First Universalist	
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	20 00	Church, Franklin	88 58
Peabody, Mrs. W. A.	3 00	Sunday School of Norfolk Unitarian	
Perkins, Mrs. C. E.	5 00	Church, Christmas Collection . .	5 50
Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	100 00		
Pickering, Henry G.	1 00	Tappan, Miss M. A.	50 00
Pickering, Henry G.	6 15	Tappan, Miss M. A.	4 22
Pickering, Mrs. Henry	300 00	Thayer, Mrs.	100 00
Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25 00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	5 00
Pickman, Mrs. W. D.	20 00	Thorndike, Charles	25 00
Pierce, Henry L.	100 00	Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.	100 00
Pope, Albert A.	50 00	Thorndike, Sturgis H.	2 00
Putnam, Mrs. J. Pickering	10 00	Ticknor, Miss A. E.	25 00
Putnam, Mrs. M. Lowell	10 00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	5 00
Putnam, Mrs. M. Lowell	20 00	Tolman, J. P.	25 00
		Tufts, James W.	100 00
Quincy, Miss Abby P.	5 00	Tunis, Rev. John	3 43
Quincy, George H.	10 00		
Randall, Miss Belinda	100 00	Upham, Miss Susan	1,000 00

Wainwright, H. C.	\$5 00	Wigglesworth, George	\$100 00
Waitt, Miss Mary E. F.	5 00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	50 00
Wales, George W.	5 00	Wilder, George E.	10 00
Wales, Miss M. A.	100 00	Williams, Mrs. J. D. W.	5 00
Wales, Miss M. A.	400 00	Williams, Miss Louise H.	50 00
Wales, Miss M. A.	200 00	Williams, Miss Louise H.	200 00
Wales, Miss M. A.	1,000 00	Williams, The Misses	10 00
Wales, Miss M. A.	3 00	Winsor, Mrs. A.	5 00
Walworth, Miss A. C.	5 00	Winsor, Miss Amy T.	1 00
Ward, Miss C. E.	10 00	Winthrop, Hon. R. C.	5 00
Ware, C. P.	10 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C., Jr.	10 00
Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25 00	Witch Hazel Club	32 50
Ware, Miss M. L.	10 00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	400 00
Warren, S. D., Estate of	100 00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	100 00
Warren, Mrs. S. D.	25 00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	25 00
Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5 00	Women's Bible Class of Trinity Church	25 00
Weld, Mrs. F. M.	10 00	Woodruff, Frederick O.	5 00
Weld, Otis E.	10 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Weld, Mrs. W. F.	25 00	Worcester, Miss Margaret	2 00
West Boston Church, Proprietors of, 1,000 00			
Wheelwright, J. W.	50 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25 00
White, Mrs. C. T.	5 00	Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, First Church, Dorchester	3 00
White, Joseph H.	5 00		
Whitney, Edward	20 00		
Whitney, George	5 00		
Whitwell, Miss S. L.	10 00		

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1893.

Alexander, F. W., 1 book.	Boynton, E. P., & Co., 50 Cambridge street, 5 pairs shoes, 2 pairs rubbers, 1 pair gloves.
Alexander, Mrs., cradle and package of clothing.	Brokenshire, Miss S. R., East Milton, Rand, McNally, & Co.'s New Family Atlas of the World.
Alger, Miss A., 4 books.	Brooks, Mrs. Peter C., 8 Christmas presents, material for presents, 2 articles of clothing.
Allston Congregational Sunday School, Infants' Department, through Mrs. C. M. De Merritt, 14 articles of clothing for special child.	Brown, Miss, Concord, package of magazines.
Anderson, Miss Emma A., 82 copies "Youth's Companion."	Burrage, Miss Caroline S., West Newton, 21 copies "Every Saturday," 2 copies "Youth's Companion."
Andrew, Misses Cornelia and Elizabeth, 21 Christmas presents.	Burrage, Miss Elsie Aldrich, 1 year back numbers of "Youth's Companion," 4 years and 24 odd numbers of "Harper's Young People."
Andrews, Miss C. F., 6 articles of clothing.	Cabot, J. E., large box of magazines.
Anonymous, package of magazines.	Carey, Mrs. Arthur A., 2 games for Christmas.
Anonymous, subscription to "St. Nicholas."	Carter, Miss M. L., 5 girls' coats.
Anonymous, subscription to "St. Nicholas."	Chaffee, Mrs. J. H., Hill, N.H., 175 copies "Well Spring."
Anonymous, 18 copies "Century," 1 copy "Harper's."	Channing Circle, Arlington-street Church, 69 articles of clothing.
Anonymous, 7 books and package of papers.	Channing, Mrs. Walter, package of magazines.
Anonymous, Concord, N.H., package of magazines.	Chapman, Mrs. H. B., 26 copies "Harper's Magazine."
Anonymous, Easton, Mass., package of magazines.	Cheney, Mrs. A. L., North Cambridge, 3 years back numbers "Wide Awake," 1 year "Youth's Companion."
Appleton, Mrs. A. I., 4 books and package of copies "Literary News."	Child, Miss Helen, Cambridge, 5 books.
Appleton, Mrs. F. H., 12 copies "Century," 30 copies "Harper's Weekly," 20 copies "Youth's Companion," 2 copies "St. Nicholas," 7 articles of clothing.	Churchill, Miss E. T., Milton, "St. Nicholas" for 1887 and 1889, "Scribner's Magazine" for 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and odd numbers of magazines.
Atkinson, Mrs. Edward, 2 large boxes of magazines.	Church of the Unity, through Mrs. M. J. Savage, 42 articles of clothing.
Ballou, M. M., "The Story of Malta," and "Footprints of Travel."	Clarkson, Mrs. J. E., West Medford, 3 years back numbers "Youth's Companion."
Barnes, A. S., Wellesley, package of magazines and Christmas cards.	Coffin, George R., Auburndale, copies of "Harper's," "Scribner's," "Century," "St. Nicholas."
Binswanger, Miss Clara, 13 articles of clothing.	Cogswell, Mrs. E. R., Cambridge, 1 year back numbers "St. Nicholas," 1 book, 1 year back numbers "Harper's Young People."
Boston Sewing Circle, through Miss Isa Loring, 121 articles of clothing.	
Boston University, through Miss Ruth L. Child, 50 copies "Wide Awake," 12 copies "St. Nicholas," 51 copies "Harper's Young People," 58 copies "Youth's Companion," 2 books, odd numbers of magazines, 8 articles of clothing.	

- Cole, Mrs. A., Newton, large package of magazines.
- Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., Jr., 22 Christmas presents, 60 odd numbers of magazines.
- Crawford, Miss, Boston University, "Youth's Companion" for 1886 and 1891.
- Cunningham, Mrs. Frederic, 22 Christmas presents.
- Curtis, Miss G. S., 12 copies "Domestic," 29 "Godey's," 18 "Scribner's," 9 "Atlantic Monthly," 2 "Harper's," and odd magazines.
- Curtis, Mrs. Greely S., 46 articles of clothing.
- Darling, Mrs. Charles K., North Cambridge, 2 bound volumes "Our Young Folks," and other magazines.
- Davis, Miss Brookline, 50 copies "Harper's," 12 "Century," 13 "Tilton's Journal of Horticulture," 15 copies odd magazines.
- Davis, Mrs. Lucy M., Northboro', package of copies "Harper's" and "Atlantic Monthly."
- Dickson, Miss F., 13 copies "Harper's" and large package books and papers.
- Dow, Miss, Boston University, copies "Youth's Companion" and "Harper's Weekly."
- Durham, Miss A. C., 1 year back numbers "Youth's Companion."
- Dyer, Miss R. Florence, 28 articles infants' clothing.
- Eliot, Mrs. Charles, Hyde Park, 3 books and package of magazines.
- Ellis, James M., large package of books and magazines.
- Evans, Mrs. W. J. R., 65 copies magazines.
- Fay, Miss Sarah B., 43 Christmas presents.
- First Parish Sunday School, Milton, children of, and Ladies' Sewing Circle, through Miss Harriet Ware, 11 dressing-sacks.
- Fisher, Miss H. L., Medway, 1 year back numbers "Youth's Companion," 2 years "Wide Awake."
- Fitz, Mrs. W. S., 35 articles of clothing.
- Fletcher, Miss A., 1 newmarket, and 1 jacket.
- Folsom, Miss, package of papers, magazines and cards.
- Ford, Mrs. Edwin, 26 articles of clothing.
- French, Mrs. J. I., copies of "Youth's Companion."
- Fresh Air Circle of King's Daughters, through Miss Lucy A. Barrows, Reading, 24 books, and package of magazines.
- Friend, 21 articles of clothing.
- Friend, 16 articles of clothing.
- Friend, cards and books.
- Friend, \$10 for subscriptions to "Youth's Companion" and "St. Nicholas."
- Friend, 12 thesis paper files.
- Friend, Brookline, 5 dresses, 1 jacket, 2 waists, and 1 hat, for special children.
- Friend, Brookline, 5 articles of clothing, for special children.
- Friend, Dorchester, 22 articles of clothing for special children, 3 scrap books.
- Friends in Everett, clothing.
- Friend, through C. W. Birtwell, 1 copy each "Harper's," "Century," and "New England Magazine."
- Gaston, Miss Sarah H., "Harper's" for 1889, '90, '91, "Century" for 1887 and 1891, "Cosmopolitan" for 1889, '90, '91.
- Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. J. W., Cambridge, 10 articles of clothing, box of books and papers.
- Grandgent, C. H., Cambridge, barrel of books and magazines.
- Gray, Miss Anna S., 22 Christmas presents.
- Gray, Mrs. Asa, 4 dresses and 6 articles of clothing.
- Green, Miss Florence, Everett, cloak and dress.
- Guild of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan, through Miss J. F. Clary, Secretary, 67 articles of clothing.
- Hagar, G. W., large package of magazines.
- Hale, George S., "Chamber's Journal," monthly.
- Harriman, Miss, Boston University, book.
- Harrington, Miss Alvira, 5 copies "Youth's Companion," 13 small pictures, 3 scrap books.
- Hayden, Mrs. J. O., Somerville, package of magazines.
- H. F. M., 34 magazines.
- Higginson, Mrs. Henry, subscription to "St. Nicholas."
- Hill, Mrs. A. S., 20 books.
- Hinckley, Mrs. T. T., Osterville, 15 articles of clothing.
- Homan, Miss Marian, dressed doll.
- Homer, George W., West Newton, 46 copies "Scribner's," 12 "Century," "St. Nicholas" for 1883, '89, '90, '91, '92, book, bound vol. "St. Nicholas," odd magazines.
- Hopkins, M. J., copies of "Harper's," and "Wide Awake."
- Hosmer, Rev. George Herbert, 5 years back numbers of "Youth's Companion."
- Hosmer, Ralph S., 2 large packages of magazines.
- Howard, Miss A. E., Secretary Second Church P. O. Mission, 62 copies "Youth's Companion."
- Jackson, Miss A. P., garment for special girl, "Century" for 1892, box of artificial flowers.
- Jackson, Miss Ellen, 9 Christmas presents.
- Jackson, Mrs. P. T., 14 Christmas presents.
- Jamaica Plain Needlework Guild, Mrs. A. D. Weld, President, 80 articles of clothing.
- Jenkins, Mrs. A. T., box of magazines.
- Jenks, Mrs. P. A., "Century" for 1886.
- Jewell, Miss Susan B., barrel of magazines.
- Jewett, Mrs. F., Cambridge, 22 articles of clothing, odd magazines, "Arena" for 1891, "Scribner's" for 1892.
- Johnson, Miss Emma F., Newtonville, 2 volumes "Chatterbox," 7 copies "Youth's Companion," 9 articles of clothing.
- Jones, Miss Sadie H., West Barnstable, 6 pairs of reins for Christmas.
- Kennard, Mrs. C. W., 6 months back numbers of "Youth's Companion," copies of children's magazines, games.
- King's Chapel Employment Society, through Miss I. P. Curtis, 83 articles of clothing.
- King's Daughters of West Somerville, through Miss Abbie Fish, games, toys, books, magazines, 5 articles of clothing.
- Klous, Mrs. H. D., Milton, 64 articles of clothing, toys.
- Knowles, Miss, Boston University, 2 books.
- Lawrence, Mrs. James, Peabody, 7 magazines.
- Leighton, Mrs. J. W., "Century" for 1890.
- Locke, Miss Mary I., 354 magazines.
- Loring, Mrs. W. C., subscription to "Dumb Animals," book.
- Mandell, Mrs. William J., Cambridge, books and toys.
- March, W., 60 magazines.
- Merry Workers, Franklin, 13 dressed dolls.
- Mills, Frederick H., "Century" for 1892, and odd magazines.
- Milton Sewing Circle, through Miss Harriet Ware, 36 articles of clothing.
- Minot, George R., Milton, 32 articles of clothing.
- Moody, Miss Annie, hat, pair shoes.

- Moore, Miss Susan C., Somerville, large package books and magazines.
- Morse, Mrs. C. H., Milton, 22 articles of clothing.
- Morse, Mrs. M. H., copies of "Harper's," "Youth's Companion," and other magazines.
- Mutual Helpers Society, Lexington, 2 large boxes of flowers.
- Myrick, Miss Abby, Everett, coat and hat.
- Nichols, Mrs. F. W., 7 Christmas presents.
- Nickerson, J. A., package of magazines.
- Norton, Miss Margaret, through, Cambridge, 3 books, 132 back numbers of "Youth's Companion."
- Old South Clothing Co., 31 boys' caps.
- Parker, Miss S., large box of magazines.
- Peabody, Mrs. F. G., Cambridge, 4 books.
- Peabody, Mrs. R. S., 62 magazine.
- Pennell, Miss Isabel, large package "Youth's Companions," "Harper's Young People," and "Ladies' Home Journal."
- Pennypacker, Mrs. A. H., 39 copies magazines.
- Pitts, Mrs. L. L., Franklin, 40 articles of clothing.
- Pratt, Mrs. E. L., copies "Harper's Young People" and "Wide Awake."
- Reed, Mrs. Henry H., Newton Centre, "Harper's" for 1881, '83; copies of "Youth's Companion."
- Rice, Mrs. I. L. G., large box of books.
- Rogers, Miss A. P., subscription to "Dumb Animals."
- Rose, Miss M. L., 125 copies magazines.
- Rubel, Mrs. A. M., Somerville, "Youth's Companion," 1880 to 1884, and odd numbers.
- Sawyer, Miss Ida, 50 copies "Youth's Companion."
- Sawyer, Mrs. L. T., Somerville, package of magazines.
- Selfridge, Mrs. Thomas O., large packages of magazines.
- Sewell, E. I., Chicago, Ill., 3 books, 17 magazines.
- Sewing Circle of '91, through Miss Ethel Paine, Waltham, 34 articles of clothing.
- Smith, Mrs. J. G. A., Newton Centre, books and 48 copies of magazines.
- Soule, H. H., "Atlantic Monthly" for 1892.
- Staigg, Mrs. R. M., book.
- Stark, W. F., Cambridge, large package of copies "Christian Union."
- Stewart, W. H., West Newton, large box of books and magazines.
- Stickney, Mrs., package of magazines.
- St. John, Joseph, 41 copies "Youth's Companion."
- Stockwell, Miss A. W., hat.
- Sturtevant, C. F., large package of magazines.
- Sunday School Class of First Parish Church, Cambridge, through Miss Carrie Saunders, package of juvenile literature.
- Terry, Miss Mary, 4 articles of clothing.
- Thatcher, Mrs. M. L., West Newton, 7 books, 2 writing desks, cards.
- Thayer, Mrs. S. T. B. and Mrs. R. A. N., books and magazines.
- Todd, Mrs. Frank, 2 books.
- Tufts, Miss M. A., Somerville, 10 books, 43 copies magazines and papers.
- Vialle, Charles A., 14 copies of magazines.
- Wales, Miss M. A., 7 books.
- Watt, Mrs. Robert G., package of magazines.
- Watts, L. R., box of magazines.
- Weld, Mrs. F. M., 9 copies "Scribner's."
- West Barnstable Mission Band, through Mrs. H. E. Thygeson, president, books, toys, and cards.
- Wethrell, Miss H., 6 books, 11 copies magazines.
- Whitney, Miss L. A., Cambridge, "Century" for 1887-8.
- Whittemore, Mrs. Charles A., large package of books and magazines.
- Wigglesworth, Mr. and Mrs. George, children of, box of toys.
- Wilder, Miss Rebekah, large package of magazines.
- Williams, Miss H. B., 8 books.
- Willow Bridge House Library, through President Elmer H. Capin of Tufts College, 3 large boxes of books.
- Witch Hazel Club, Fitchburg, through Miss Pearl Clary, secretary, 31 articles of clothing for special children.
- Women's Bible Class, Trinity Church, through Mrs. Henry Whitman, 30 articles of clothing.
- Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Second Church, Dorchester, through Miss L. Hall, 257 copies of "Youth's Companion," 22 copies of "St. Nicholas," 15 copies "Golden Rule," 9 articles of clothing.

PINE FARM.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1893.

- Armstrong, C. W., dinner for the boys.
- Channing Church, Ladies of, clothing.
- Channing Church, Ladies' Sewing Circle, 25 comfortables and clothing.
- Congregational Church, West Newton, cake and sandwiches.
- Congregational Church, West Newton, Sunday School, \$50 for the boys.
- Dutch, F. M., celery and eggs.
- Edmonds, Thomas S., \$15 for the boys, \$10 for ice-cream, \$15 for fireworks.
- Eldridge, Mrs. E. T., tickets and money to attend concert.
- Fowler, Mrs., 10 pairs of boots.
- French, G. W., use of team Decoration Day.
- Glover, William E., gallon of oysters for Thanksgiving.
- Graves, Mrs., turkey for Thanksgiving.
- Grew, Henry S., \$15 for excursion on Charles River.
- Hemenway, Mrs., \$25 for Christmas.
- Hubbard, Charles W., 100 feet of rope for swings, 7 cords of wood, 6 cords of stable-dressing, man and team three days to plow.
- Loring, Mrs. William C., box of oranges.
- Methodist Episcopal Church, Newtonville, Christian Endeavor Society, papers and cards.
- Needlework Guild of America, Newton Branch, pillow-cases, night-shirts, flannel shirts, caps, stockings.
- Neilson, Mr., and friends, 12 pairs of boots.
- New Jerusalem Church, Newtonville, cake and sandwiches.
- Newton Sewing Guild, clothing.
- Newton Veteran Fire Department, provisions.
- Nickerson, Mrs., Newtonville, clothing.
- Paine, Miss Helen, \$2 for advertising, \$2.50 for hack-hire, flower seeds for the boys.
- Parsons, Theophilus, \$5 for balls and bats, \$5 for Christmas presents.
- Plymouth Cordage Co., 100 feet of rope for swings.
- Scudder, Mrs., \$25 for boys to attend fair.

Slade, Mrs. D. D., \$5 for moving piano, \$5
for tuning piano, \$5 for stamps for boys.
Trowbridge, Mrs., clothing.
Truant-Officers of Boston, \$2.25 for the boys.

Wellington, H. W., clothing.
Wilder, George E., \$30 for excursion to Nan-
tasket.
Woodbury, H. E., 3 pecks of walnuts.

ROCK LAWN FARM.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1893.

Battelle, Mr. Eugene, box of cloth.
Boyden, Mrs. B. F., clothing.
Chipman, Master Harry, "Temperance Ban-
ner."
Coleridge, Mr. and Mrs., "Youth's Com-
panion."
Dwight and Jewett, the Misses, bunch of
bananas.
French, Mrs. K. B., "St. Nicholas."
Friends in Foxborough Centre, Christmas
supper for boys.
Gray, Mrs. Asa, "Our Dumb Animals" and
"Indian Helper."
Gray, Mr. Edwin, "N. E. Farmer," and
other papers.
Hartshorn, Mrs. Emmons, clothing.

Hodges, Mr. Chas. W., papers.
Jackson, Miss A. P., \$5 Fourth of July, con-
fectionery, \$5 Thanksgiving.
Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. A., \$10 Thanks-
giving, confectionery twice, \$5 Fourth of
July.
Leavitt, Mrs. Charlotte, "Youth's Com-
panion."
Loring, Miss Isa E., knit reins.
Merrill, Mr. Lewis E., oranges and confec-
tionery.
Morse, Dr. F. A., medicines.
Scott, Mr. George E., clothing.
Ticknor, Miss Anna E., Bryant and Gay's
American History, 18 volumes.

Volunteer Book-Reviewers for Home Libraries, Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1893.

Mrs. James Brown,
Theodore Bullard,
Mrs. Eben Dale, Jr.,
Miss Mary Dewey,

Mrs. Patrick T. Jackson,
Miss Helen Paine,
" Emily Sever,
" Amelia W. Stockwell.

Mrs. Dwight Foster.

Volunteer Visitors of Home Libraries during all or part of period, Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1893.¹

Miss M. G. Abbott,
F. W. Alexander,
Edward B. Allen,
Mrs. E. F. Allen,
Miss S. E. Arnold,
" Emily G. Balch,
Fred. Bartlett,
George G. Bartlett,
Miss Emma F. Baxter,
Rev. E. D. Bennett,
Miss Grace Bigelow,
" Emily I. Boardman,
Mrs. N. W. Bogart,

Ralph H. Bowles,
Richard W. Boynton,
Miss Agnes Brooks,
" Gertrude Brooks,
" Martha H. Brooks,
" Sarah Brooks,
Theodore Bullard,
Dr. Walter H. Burrage,
Miss Caroline W. Bursley,
Charles M. Cabot,
Miss Theodora Cabot,
" Gertrude Canterbury,
" Alice Carter,

¹ The length of the list, 145 names, compared with the number of our present visitors, 52, is due to the fact that it includes many who substituted temporarily for friends. Some, too, whose visiting terminated in this period had visited for a long time previously.

Mrs. C. F. Chamberlayne,
 Miss Elizabeth T. Churchill,
 " Abbie F. Clapp,
 Mrs. Clift Rogers Clapp,
 Miss Rebecca H. Clapp,
 Ellery Clark,
 Miss Louise T. Cogswell,
 William B. Cohen,
 Miss Marguerite Colin,
 " Mildred Collar,
 " Caroline P. Corder,
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 " Frances G. Curtis,
 " Ida M. Curtis,
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 " Louise Davenport,
 " Eleanor W. Davis,
 " Frederica K. Davis,
 " Mabel C. Davis,
 Winifred T. Denison,
 Mrs. William C. Denny,
 Miss Carrie Dodge,
 " Nellie E. Dodge,
 " Helen Duncklee,
 Parker B. Field,
 Miss Cora M. Fitch,
 " Amy Folsom,
 " Anna A. Folsom,
 " Mary B. Fox,
 " Marie E. Gerlack,
 " Elizabeth Goldsmith,
 " May Belle Goodwin,
 Mrs. Robert J. Gove,
 Miss M. Katherine Greene,
 Lyman M. Greenman,
 Miss Alice R. Grey,
 " Frances E. Hamburger,
 George C. Harding,
 Miss M. Hawley,
 " Eliza T. Hemenway,
 Mrs. Frank Hewins,
 Miss Miriam Hilliard,
 " Bertha Hills,
 " Clara G. Hinds,
 " Martha N. Hobart,
 Arthur T. Holbrook,
 Miss Harriet A. Hubbard,

Miss Emma Humphreys,
 Otto F. Humphreys,
 Oliver E. Hurd,
 Miss Emma Kaan,
 James Kingman,
 Mrs. Charles S. Knowles,
 George Kyberg,
 Mrs. Charles Lane,
 " Harriet M. Laughlin,
 Miss Susette Lauriat,
 " Constance G. Lee,
 " Amy Lothrop,
 " Emma Mallock,
 " Jessie A. March,
 " Fanny P. Mason,
 " Louisa C. May,
 " M. A. J. McIntyre,
 " Marion A. McIntyre,
 " Cora Mitchell,
 Mrs. Alice Moore,
 Miss Olive Morrison,
 " Jennie Moseley,
 Mrs. William R. Nichols,
 Miss Sallie Nickels,
 Charles G. Norton,
 Mrs. A. L. Noyes,
 Miss Helen Paine,
 " Annie J. Pecker,
 " Mary E. Peirce,
 Wm. J. Pelo,
 Henry G. Pickering,
 Miss Mary B. Pierce,
 " Edith G. Reed,
 " Mary E. Reynolds,
 " D. Gertrude Rice,
 " Ella M. Rice,
 " Helen Risteen,
 Rev. W. Dewees Roberts,
 George Winthrop Sargent,
 Miss Bessie C. Sherman,
 John R. Slater,
 Miss Bertha E. Smith,
 " Mollie Snow,
 " L. C. St. Amant,
 " Amelia W. Stockwell,
 Mrs. John H. Storer,
 Miss Elizabeth I. Strongman,
 " Mary A. Tappan,

Miss M. E. Tetlow,
 " Martha Thacher,
 Mrs. Frank Todd,
 Miss Frances S. Tufts,
 " Helen Tufts,
 Mrs. Richard Willits Underhill,
 Miss Bertha Vaughan,
 " Mary Very,
 " Lella M. Wales,
 " Carlena Walker,
 " Caroline E. Ward,

Miss Ellen S. Ward,
 " Grace H. Watson,
 " Helen Wethrell,
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**BOSTON CHILDREN'S
AID SOCIETY
1893**

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Census of Children under care of the Society on April 1, 1893.

Placed out in private families,	372	} 787	under direct and responsible charge.
In Training Schools of the Society,	46		
In their own homes,	286		
In Institutions,	41		
Still pending in Bureau of Information,	42		
In Home Libraries,	656		
Total number of children,	1443		

The purpose of the present paper is to give a short account of the object and methods of the Children's Aid Society with a view to the increase of its funds.

It lays claim to the support of the public on the ground that it is working for the destitute, neglected, and wayward children of this city, and that the endeavor to make them worthy and self-supporting should be of vital concern to all public-spirited citizens and tax-payers.

Its aim is to find out and meet the real needs of the children who come to it, and, so far as possible, to keep up natural relations outside of institutions. While thus trying, however, to secure the best good of each child, it still maintains the principle that great injury may be done by relieving parents or guardians of any responsibility which they can possibly sustain. It therefore feels obliged to investigate thoroughly every case, and so deal with it that, even when it takes entire control of a child, those who are responsible for its welfare may be stimulated to greater efforts. In pursuance of this purpose its

Oct. 1, 1891,
to Oct. 1, 1892.
Received in
Bureau of Information
1172
children.

Of these
528
were encouraged to
remain under their
natural guardians.

274
were referred to other
agencies as follows:
127 to Associated Char-
ities.
27 to Society for Pre-
vention of Cruelty
to Children.
21 to Society of St. Vin-
cent de Paul.
37 to Society for Desti-
tute Mothers and
Infants.
25 to Overseers of Poor.
37 miscellaneous.

370
taken in charge by
C. A. S.
and provided for as
follows:
173 placed in private
families.
25 sent to Training
Schools of Society.
83 were placed in care
of Probation Agent.
37 withdrawn.
52 cases pending Oct. 1,
1892.

Oct. 1, 1891,
to Oct. 1, 1892.
Placing-out Agency,
498
children in charge
as follows:

173 new cases.
49 sent from training
schools to families.
279 old cases holding
over.
168 in free homes.
230 in boarding homes.
91 in homes with wages.

Total sum paid for
board,
\$13,781.
Collected towards this
sum from relatives,
\$6,398.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION is open daily to all applicants, at 43 Charity Building, Chardon Street. Children come to it in every stage of waywardness, neglect, destitution, and exposure to harm. Many come whose parents are anxious to do well by them, but are too ignorant, discouraged, or overworked to see a way out of their difficulties. Here they find four persons (two men and two women) experienced in the care of children and acquainted with all available means for their help and protection. Each case is carefully considered by one of these agents, the whole story brought out in personal interviews or otherwise, and their judgment, and, if necessary, that of the General Secretary also, is brought to bear on the question, "What is the best thing to be done for the benefit of this child?"

1st. Can a way be found by which it can be trusted to remain with its own people?

2d. Does it need the care of some other special agency?

3d. Will its interests be most effectively served under our own care?

The Society thus acts as a clearing-house for cases of children, and some idea of the methods pursued may be gained by noting the decisions reached in regard to eleven hundred and seventy-two applications made between Oct. 1, 1891, and Oct. 1, 1892.

Five hundred and twenty-eight were enabled to remain under the care of their parents or guardians by the help of friendly advice, suggestions of new plans of management, legal information, etc., and the assurance of farther help whenever asked for. Two hundred and seventy-four were sent to special hospitals or agencies covering special needs. Three hundred and seventy were taken into our own care.

In describing our work for the children for whom we thus make ourselves more immediately responsible, we would say, that our first effort is, through our PLACING-OUT AGENCY, to put them into carefully selected family homes, chiefly in the country. 1st, to place them free of charge; and, if that is not feasible, 2d, to pay board for them, with all possible assistance from parents or relatives; and, 3d, to secure wages for the children who are able to earn them. Very judicious and deliberate work is needed in this department, and our three agents make every effort to place the children where they will be surrounded by homelike and elevating influences.

When boys are too wayward to be at once placed in families, we give a preliminary training in one of our TRAINING SCHOOLS, at Pine Farm, West Newton, or Rock Lawn Farm, Foxborough, and as soon as they can be trusted outside, places are found in the country, where they remain under the constant supervision, by visits and letters, of an especially appointed agent, and when later they return to the city they find a friend in our Probation Agent, who gives them the active sympathy and help they so much need.

Girls who are very wayward are usually placed with country families, but under the charge of the GIRLS' COMMITTEE of volunteer lady visitors. A few special cases are cared for by one of our agents.

There are still other children, living in the city, who come under the personal and responsible supervision of our PROBATION AGENT. He takes charge of many boys placed on probation by the Central Municipal Criminal Court, which he attends daily, of truants and of friendless boys. He becomes their friend, visits, counsels, helps them to find work, and makes them welcome at any time at his own home. A woman probation agent does similar work for girls.

Through our HOME LIBRARIES we are able to influence a large number of children. They are established in poor neighborhoods in the homes of the child librarians, and each group of ten children meets once a week with a Volunteer Visitor in the living-room of the family. The book-case is placed there, and contains fifteen books and five bound periodicals, carefully read and selected beforehand, which are replaced by other sets as soon as read. At these meetings books are given out, exchanged and discussed, thrift is encouraged by the system of the "Stamp Savings Society" for penny savings, and home amusements are taught; so that through a natural and familiar intercourse, home and neighborhood ties are materially strengthened.

Our work, as thus briefly described, is preventive, and therefore, in the best sense, economical. Of the fourteen hundred and forty-three children under our care April 1, ninety-one per cent. are distributed among the community in their own or other families. For this kind of work, the benefit of which to the children comes largely through the personal influence and intelligence of our agents, it is essential to employ persons of character, sound judgment, and real interest in the work, and their salaries must necessarily form a large part of our expenditure.

Oct. 1, 1891,
to Oct. 1, 1892.
Under supervision of
Probation Agent,
300
boys as follows:

83 new cases.
217 old cases holding
over.

153 at work.
65 at school.
31 in institutions.
32 idle.
19 vagrant or run-
away.

Oct. 1, 1891,
to Oct. 1, 1892.
70
Home Libraries
with
665 children.
62 volunteer visitors.
1 paid agent.

1050 books in
circulation.

Savings account
of children,
\$676.58.

Our income from invested funds amounts to only \$2,194.71. Besides this and subscriptions and donations received or promised, we need for this year's expenses the sum of \$6,600 before Oct. 1, 1893. The demand upon our resources constantly increases, and though economy is carefully studied, we are at this moment facing the necessity of cutting down our work if we cannot add to our funds.

The interests of the citizens of Boston are deeply involved in all that concerns the neglected children of its crowded districts. We appeal to them therefore for such substantial proofs of their belief in our work as shall enable us to go forward with confidence and vigor.

GEORGE S. HALE, *President.*

ROBERT TREAT PAINE, *Vice-President.*

HENRY S. GREW, *Vice-President.*

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer*, Exchange Building, 53 State Street.

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**BOSTON CHILDREN'S
AID SOCIETY
1893**

REPORT OF TREASURER.

EDWARD JACKSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOSTON
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,

FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 31, 1892.

Nov. 1, 1891.

Balance on hand,	\$353.27
Income from invested funds,	2,856.97
Subscriptions,	2,833.00
Donations for general treasury,	13,035.55

Special donations :

For stenographer,	\$100.00	
" Bureau of Information,	1,031.25	
" Placing-out Agency,	800.00	
" care of wayward girls,	150.00	
From boys at Rock Lawn Farm,	250.00	
For Probation Agency,	1,000.00	
" Home Libraries,	508.20	
" Central Office Library,	5.00	
Received of assistant treasurer, refunds,	385.37	4,229.82
Susan Sturgis Parkman Fund, gift of Mrs. Henry P. Sturgis,		500.00

Received of parents and guardians for board :

Of boys at Pine Farm,	\$492.07	
" boys at Rock Lawn Farm,	508.20	
" boys at Weston Home,	212.13	
" children in families,	6,432.99	
" wayward girls in families,	96.25	
" graduates in families,	27.14	7,768.78

Received of benevolent individuals for board of
children, \$876.37

Received of charitable societies for board of chil-
dren, 245.83

Donations received for Summer Fund, 47.32

Donations received for Christmas Fund, 67.25 1,236.77

Carried forward, \$32,814.16

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$32,814.16
Pine Farm, sale of produce,	\$356.06	
“ “ sale of printing-press,	50.00	
“ “ received board for Mr. Piper's son,	30.00	436.06
Donation for extension of office,		40.00
Balance on hand at Central Office,		29.18
Insurance received on account of fire at Pine Farm,		2,106.00
Investments sold :		
\$5,000 Oregon Shore Line 6% bonds,	\$5,129.42	
\$2,000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé 4's,	1,635.00	6,764.42
		<u>\$42,189.82</u>

Expenditures.

Paid treasurer on account of expenses for collecting donations and subscriptions,		\$31.19
Paid safe rent,		10.00
“ for repairs at Pine Farm on account of fire,		1,122.65
“ for renewing insurance on Pine Farm property,		45.00
Paid for Pine Farm for Christmas,	\$25.00	
“ “ Rock Lawn Farm for Christmas,	15.00	
“ “ Weston Home for Christmas,	10.00	50.00
“ assistant treasurer,		39,063.51
Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$1,795.10	
Balance in hands of secretary,	72.37	1,867.47
		<u>\$42,189.82</u>

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

OCT. 1, 1891, TO OCT. 1, 1892.

Services of general secretary, stenographer, book-keeper, . . .	\$3,566.74	
Bureau of Information.— Services of four assistants (one of them half time for nine months),	2,360.42	
Placing-out Agency.— Services of four assistants,	2,321.09	
Homeless Children.— Board,	\$11,911.53	
Clothing,	804.23	
Travel,	43.73	
Miscellaneous,	136.37	
Wayward Girls.— Board,	811.50	
Clothing,	153.23	
Travel,	50.22	
Boys from the three training-schools in families:		
Board,	812.49	
Clothing,	50.38	
Travel,	6.76	
Miscellaneous,	15.87	14,796.31
Pine Farm.— Provisions,	\$1,709.89	
Clothing,	414.69	
Farm,	744.94	
Fuel,	386.29	
House and school supplies,	339.65	
Repairs,	462.37	
Sundries,	180.41	
Salaries,	2,094.19	6,332.43
Rock Lawn Farm.— Board of boys,	\$2,445.52	
Clothing,	42.25	
Travel,	6.38	
Salaries,	900.00	3,394.15
Weston Home.— Board of boys,	\$599.65	
Clothing,	22.00	
Supplies,	17.61	
Salaries,	260.00	899.26
Graduate and Probation Agency.— Visitor, . . .	\$750.00	
Probationers, expenses incurred for,	13.83	
Graduates, expenses incurred for,	24.44	
Emergencies,	7.60	795.87
Carried forward,		\$34,466.27

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$34,466.27
Home Libraries.— Services of general visitor, . .	\$549.68	
Travel,	50.96	
Express,	22.15	
Cost of books,	525.80	
Supplies,	163.84	1,312.43
General Expenses.— Travel,	\$1,275.33	
Stationery,	253.84	
Postage,	621.94	
Printing,	31.74	
Express and telegraph,	49.83	
Care of office,	85.74	
Equipment of office,	87.34	
Enlargement of office,	149.28	
Lighting and heating office,	142.16	
Reports,	230.00	
Sundries,	121.24	
Errand boy,	59.40	3,107.84
Boston Children's Aid Society Library,		15.00
Summer fund,		59.47
Christmas fund,		97.25
Loan to Boston Children's Aid Society Station of Stamp Savings Society,		5.25
		<u>\$39,063.51</u>

ELLEN G. PARKER,
Assistant Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

NOV. 1, 1891, THROUGH OCT. 31, 1892.

A. B.	\$100.00	Bradlee, Miss H. C. . . .	\$23.00
Allston Congregational Church	24.03	Bradlee, Miss H. C. . . .	1,000.00
Allston Wideawakes, through Miss Harriet Bosworth,	18.00	Brandeis, Miss	10.00
Ames, Mrs. J. B.	20.00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D. . .	10.00
Amory, Miss Alice	5.00	Bremer, John L.	50.00
Amory, Miss Anna S. . . .	135.33	Brewer, E. M.	25.00
Amory, Miss Anna S. . . .	25.00	Brewer, Miss Lucy	5.00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25.00	Brewster, Mrs. O.	4.00
Amory, Mrs. Wm.	25.00	Brewster, Wm.	10.00
Anonymous	20.00	Brimmer, Martin	500.00
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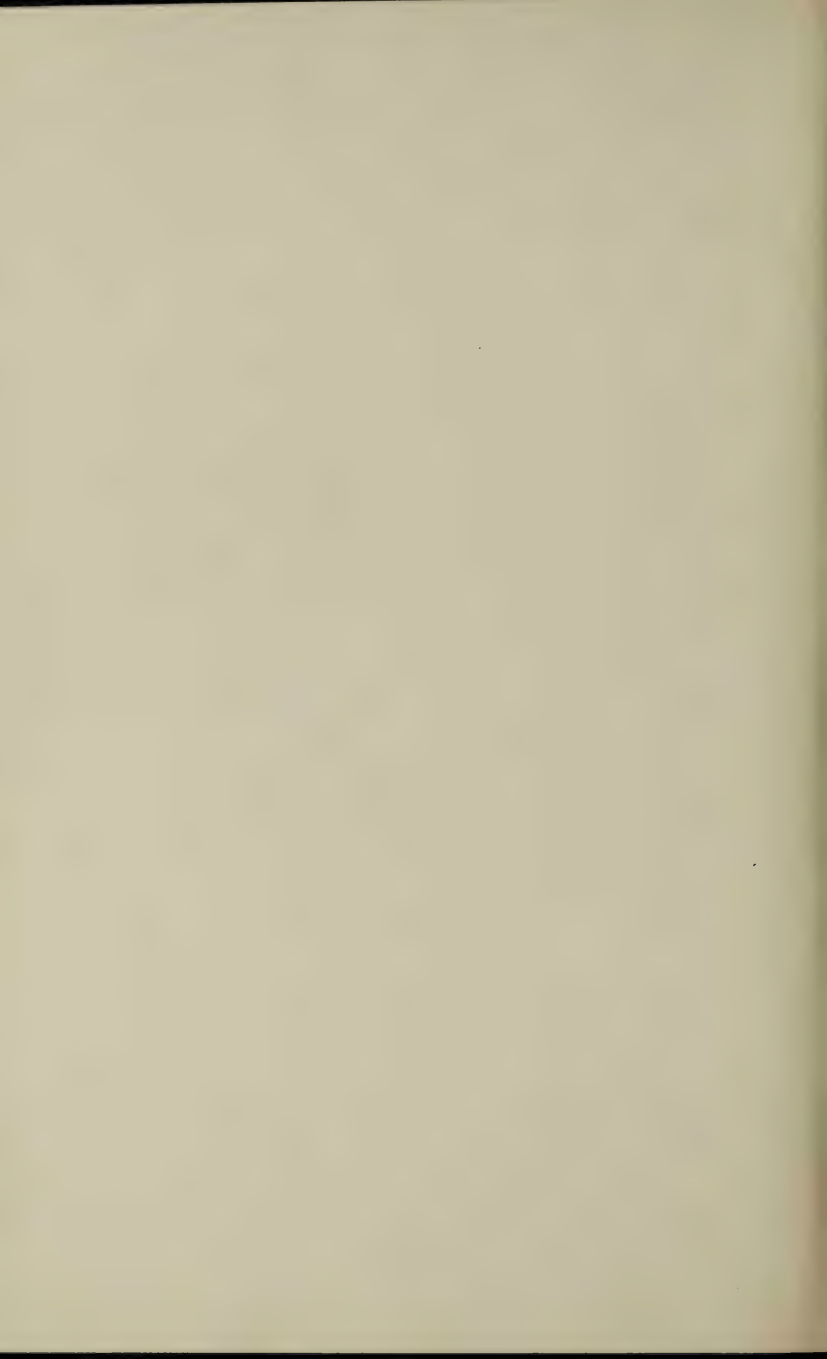
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METHODS IN BRIEF.

THE Society investigates cases of exposed, destitute, and wayward children ; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit ; studies questions relating to children ; records experience ; promotes needed legislation ; encourages coöperation among child-helping agencies.

THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION investigates each case submitted to it ; decides what action is desirable ; keeps full records. Methods of aid are : 1st, Information and advice ; 2d, Reference to other agencies ; 3d, Various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

THE PLACING-OUT AGENCY finds boarding and free homes in private families, chiefly in the country, for destitute and neglected children and young wayward girls, also for wayward boys from the two training farms of the Society. Careful supervision is maintained. Relatives pay according to ability.

TWO TRAINING FARMS, PINE FARM AND ROCK LAWN FARM, receive boys distinctly wayward, — truant, runaway, dishonest, unmanageable, etc., — as a rule under 14 years of age, and train them preliminary to placing in families. Pine Farm receives 20 boys ; Rock Lawn Farm, 25. Parents pay, if able.

THE GRADUATE AND PROBATION AGENCY. — A young man is employed to visit and befriend "graduates," or boys formerly wayward who have been through the training farms and placing-out agency and returned to the city ; "probationers," or boys under 17, arrested and placed on probation in our charge ; truants and friendless boys. Exposed and friendless girls are watched over by some woman.

HOME LIBRARIES are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child-librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living-room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements, and penny savings, and to foster a wholesome, thrifty, and happy home life.

REPORT, OCTOBER, 1893, TO OCTOBER, 1894.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUREAU OF ADMISSION, INFORMATION, AND COUNSEL.

Committee: Miss Rogers, Mrs. Cabot, Mrs. Staigg.

	Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894.	
Applications pending at beginning of year ¹	15	
Applications during the year	1,124	
	—	1,139
Withdrawn		61
Advised		417
Referred to other agencies		411
Taken in charge by this Society:		
Oversight at home by this Bureau	10	
Referred to Placing-Out Agency	79	
Sent to Training Farms (Pine Farm and Rock Lawn Farm)	23	
Referred to Probation Agency	82	
" Home Libraries	3	
" Committee on Wayward Girls, for oversight at home	1	
	—	198
Pending at end of year		52

This department receives all applicants. Four agents are employed here: Mr. Pear, Mrs. Tuttle, Miss Murray, and Mrs. Francis. We have the great interest of the first interview with the children and their parents, and the great responsibility of deciding what shall be done in each case. Our aim is to consider each case by itself, and we bend all our energies to solve the question: "What is the best way to help this special child, who has its own special surroundings and its own family setting?" We have no hard and fast rules, but we have very clear principles, and, in a general way, they are these:

First of all, to strengthen family ties by urging relatives to

¹ Figures indicate number of children involved.

keep the charge of the children, when it can be done consistently with the child's good, and, when this is not wise, to insist upon their paying, if possible, for the child's support.

Second, to place a child in a country family, free or for board or wages, when life in its own home is impossible. We place a child who is too unruly or too wayward for ordinary family life where it will be specially cared for and disciplined, the boys for a time in one of the two Training Farms of the Society at West Newton and Foxboro', the girls in special families where they will be carefully instructed and guarded, all such being in the charge of the Girls' Committee, or under the supervision of some assistant at the office definitely appointed for the purpose.

This is not work that can be done quickly. It demands thought, time, and great discrimination. Repeated interviews, visits to friends, and much correspondence is often needed. It may be weeks or even months before all the tangles in a case can be straightened out, and the course to be pursued becomes clear. This Bureau acts, then, as a sort of clearing-house, receiving and distributing.

During this year 1,124 children have passed under our inquiry, and thus we have had the opportunity of looking at the work as a whole, and studying the reasons which bring so many children to our doors. In fact, these 1,124 histories are of every possible variety. Every sort of family experience is here recorded, and endless complications and misfortunes. These misfortunes result sometimes from wilful wrong-doing, but very largely also, from the great stress into which even good parents may be brought when they are poor, ignorant, or inexperienced. We have found, for instance, that 192 children came to us because their homes were broken up; 111 because the father had deserted, leaving the mother to struggle on as best she could; 160 came because of the illness or death of a parent; 122 were children of unmarried mothers; and all of these needed advice and help of just the kind we stood ready to offer. 417 were advised to remain under the charge of relatives; many were sent to other societies. Of those whom we passed over to the care of the departments of

the Placing-Out Agency, Training Farms, Probation Agent, or Home Libraries the reports will speak later.

899 children, however, have been dealt with solely by this department, and we wish to report that of these 899:

10 were taken in charge by the Bureau;

417 were advised to remain under charge of relatives;

411 were referred to other societies (in 107 of these the work was done by the friends);

61 were withdrawn.

To explain this a little: The ten children given to the charge of the Bureau were not those who needed to go to any other department. They were cases where a little oversight and encouragement was sufficient, and could be more easily and better given by the person who already was familiar with the case: a boy, for instance, who could come in once a month to report; a parent who a few times in the winter would like a little advice; a child who needed only temporary guidance. The "advised" cases, we think, after the full account of our last year's report, are quite well understood by our friends. These 417 "advised" children are those whose guardians can really be helped to discharge their own responsibilities. Then we have found that 411 children could be taken in charge by other societies, and though we should have liked to keep many of them, we have not felt warranted in doing so in the present condition of the Society's finances.

A father with his boy of twelve came to the office looking haggard and rough. They had tramped from Pennsylvania and walked sometimes twenty-five miles a day. The man had no friends, no recommendations, but he wanted to put his boy in a safe place, and his only idea was to put him in an institution. In fact, he had placed him in the Rochester School for some weeks while in New York. When he came to us, he was lodging with the boy for \$2 per week, earning \$5, and getting only one meal a day. We said his boy must go to school, and sent him to North Bennet street, and planned that he should come straight to us out of school hours by way of being in a safe place. He did

occasional errands, and proved honest. We paid him by giving him meal-tickets, and Miss Murray went with him several times to observe how he ordered his dinners. He proved to be very judicious. The father began to feel he did not want his boy in an institution, and we kept on upholding the possibility of his keeping him. Both began to improve in appearance. At length the father came one day and said he had a friend who worked at Pierce's shop who would take the boy out of town with him, keep him in his home, and send him to school. This was arranged. The father has paid his debts, goes to see the boy, and has already bought him some clothes. This was surely a case where encouragement and advice had entirely changed the whole future of these two people, and started them both forward in a self-respecting way. If the boy had been placed in an institution it would have meant loss of respect for him, want of incentive to the man, and constant expense to the community.

A deserted wife with two children, eleven and nine years old, was utterly despairing as to the possibility of keeping them when she came to us. A good place was found for her in the country, in a town where after a time she can get a good position to go out washing and scrubbing, and have her children with her. Meantime, she pays what she can to us while we board the children in a family.

An "advised" case: The father was in jail, and the relatives had refused to help the mother any longer to care for her children. By dint of visiting, urging, suggesting, they have decided to continue to aid till his term is over.

Another "advised" case: An employer on Winter street came to us to help him provide proper care and protection for a pretty and very bright young girl of fifteen in his employ, whose father was a drunkard, and mother dead. He proposed that we should find a home for her. We placed her in a good home under our supervision, and she remains in his employment.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON DEPARTMENTS FOR PLACING CHILDREN IN FAMILIES, AND ON TEM- PORARY TRAINING FARMS FOR WAYWARD BOYS.

I. — REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

Committee: Miss Morse, Miss Jackson, Miss Curtis, Miss Chickering.

DESTITUTE AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

	Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894.
Children in families at beginning of year:	
In boarding-homes	98
In free homes	71
In homes with wages	18
Pending or otherwise placed	14
	— 201
Placed during year	55
Total in families during year	256
Returned to relatives	58
Otherwise transferred or discharged	19
Died during year	0
Remaining in care at end of year:	
In boarding-homes	90
In free homes	55
In homes with wages	26
Pending or otherwise placed	7
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Destitute, neglected, and mildly wayward children are placed in carefully investigated country homes as members of the family, \$2.50 a week being paid for board of babies, \$2.00 a week for children over a year old, and clothing supplied, while older ones are placed free of charge, and those still older where wages are paid. All are expected to attend church and school regularly. For help in investigating these homes we depend upon people of good standing, acquainted with the neighborhood, who are confidentially consulted without the knowledge of the applicant, and all information, from whatever source, is carefully entered on a "family card." If a home is approved, it is again considered after the first child has been in it three months, and it is, in fact, always open to a rejudgment as to its suitability.

Supervision is carried on by visiting, reports from families,

and letters to and from children, and its success depends largely on the intelligence and tact of the visitor, who must be wise enough to comprehend the point of view of those who care for the children, and sympathetic enough to win the love and confidence of each child. Our present visitors for this portion of our placing-out work, Miss Josephine F. Prescott and Miss Gertrude E. Freeman, add to these qualities four years' experience and a deep interest in their work. This year they have had 256 children in their charge, of whom 179 remain; they have kept a written history of each, have visited and corresponded with the children, besides the care of the children's clothing and savings, visits to and from parents and others interested in the children, and other calls too numerous to mention or classify. They have also investigated 257 applications from families, of which 98 were approved, 60 disapproved, and the rest withdrawn, still under investigation, or not investigated because not likely to be needed.

As the children are taken directly from our office to these homes with no preliminary training (though often much preliminary cleaning is necessary), and very slight knowledge of their dispositions, they must sometimes be transferred from one place to another, until the right one is found, though all changes are avoided as far as possible, as wasteful of time and travel, and preventing the child from forming permanent family ties. Sometimes, however, these transfers do useful service, and the child learns from failure or friction in one place to do better in another, as will be seen in some cases described later.

Among the parents of these children are widows and widowers, unmarried mothers, and others at work, who, while unable to make a home for them, can contribute to their support, and from these and other relatives we received last year, \$5,088.40 out of a total expense of \$10,450.06. Others turn to us in some temporary emergency, as in the case of two little colored children, brought to us by their father because his wife was drinking badly. They were boarded near Boston at his expense; some months later he came joyfully to say that his wife was doing so much better that he had begun housekeeping

again, promising her to take back the children and keep them as long as she continued sober.

An agreement was entered into this year with the Dorchester Industrial School for Girls whereby we took charge of five young girls at their expense, as an experiment in placing-out. These girls are boarded in excellent families, and are doing well.

We have now been working long enough to feel justified in quoting results, but the following accounts give results only, and not the loving labor, time, and thought on the part of our visitors and families by which they have been accomplished.

A good mother and daughter asked for a sickly child "whom no one else would want." A scrofulous boy of two was boarded with them, whose mother, a deserted wife, could not care for him and support her other children, though she paid part board. After four years he has returned to his mother healthy, happy, and well trained.

Two families have become so attached to young children, one an almshouse child, the other illegitimate, that they have offered to keep them free of charge, rather than have them removed for adoption.

A boy of eleven, a truant, spending nights out, and "light-fingered," was boarded out in 1890, his father paying board. He did poorly in the first home, but well in a second one; after eighteen months he was placed free, and last spring at fifteen was transferred to a home with wages. He is affectionate, fond of reading, music, and flowers, saves his money, and his employer says he is the best boy he ever had.

An illegitimate girl, born in jail of a simple-minded mother, was boarded five years ago, at the age of eleven, her mother paying part board, and transferred at thirteen to a free home, which she lost through sauciness and disobedience. She is handsome, silly, and romantic, ashamed of her mother, and rude to her, cannot be reasoned with, as she has no judgment, and a violent temper; but is strong, willing to work, and shows no low tendencies. Her mother is ignorant and utterly dependent on the girl's visitor, whom she wishes to make her daughter's guardian, as she cannot control her herself. It is

impossible to estimate the time and thought this case has taken, but the girl's improvement in her last place, where she earns small wages, shows that they are not lost. The visitor takes charge of the savings of both mother and daughter, the latter amounting to \$44.

An orphan boy, now old enough for a free home, could not bear to leave the family with whom he had been boarded for four years, and searched till he found employment in a neighboring factory, and remains with them paying his own board.

We wish to thank our consulting physicians, Doctors Jackson and Scudder, and also Dr. Lena V. Ingraham, Dr. Clara A. Leach, and Dr. Grace Wolcott, of Boston, and Dr. John J. Berry, of Portsmouth, N.H., for free medical services to our children, and the following volunteer helpers, Misses Emily G. Balch, Frances M. Birtwell, Elizabeth H. Houghton, Emily Howard, Margaret Norton, Amy S. Winsor and Lena J. Dates, and Mr. George B. Smith of New Britain, Connecticut.

2.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYWARD GIRLS.

Committee: Mrs. Loring, Miss Paine, Miss Parker.

	Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894.
In care of Committee at beginning of year	19
New cases during year	2
Became of age	1
Sent to institutions	2
Transferred during year from one home to another	5
In care of Committee at end of year:	
Boarded	8
Clothed only at expense of the Society	1
In free home	1
Earning wages	6
With parents, visited	2
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The Committee on Wayward Girls have taken up two new lines of work: First, the care of a girl belonging to the Dorchester Industrial School for Girls, for whom that society pays; second, the giving friendly visits to a girl who remains in her own home. This last is the case of a little Jewess who had come before the court for larceny. The work we have done for her

has been most satisfactory; the girl does well, and appreciates her friend, and not only has the visitor won the confidence of the child, but she has been a moral support to the whole family, who suffered severely during the hard times of last winter, but who were too proud to be known as needing assistance. It is probable that poverty, to which the child was not accustomed, caused her to commit the theft.

The two girls stated above to have been sent to institutions were committed to the Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster. It was a bitter disappointment to be obliged to send a bright and exceptionally pleasing girl there, after she had been under the charge of the Committee for two years and a half. The second of the two mentioned is a colored girl. There have been in all but five colored girls ever in the care of the Committee; four of them have been sent to Lancaster, the fifth was taken by her mother to New York before her character was formed. A colored child is at a disadvantage in a family of white people, because she cannot feel that she is the same as those who are about her; and as yet we have found no good and well-ordered colored family where a girl can have a home.

Three years ago a girl of nine was brought to our notice by the directors of the Gwynne Home. She had such violent fits of temper that no free home could be found for her, and they appealed to us. She slowly improved, very slowly, but we felt that we might make a good girl of her. She was known in the village as a little hoyden. After a year of gentle and firm discipline the faithful person who had befriended her left the town. A widow with two refined daughters in the same village took the child. She grew less boisterous, neighbors stopped her sometimes and commended her behavior, her ways at school changed, and when she was obliged to leave the village this summer to support herself, an article in the local paper appeared, expressing the regret of the townspeople at her departure. What the child said was pathetically true: that as soon as she had become a good girl, she was made unhappy by having to leave her home to go amongst strangers. During the summer two others of our wayward girls were in the same house with her for a time; it has been easier to work upon these children since they were brought under her influence.

The girl spoken of above as a graduate because twenty-one years old will still lean upon her visitor for friendly counsel. She is a good girl, and can easily support herself if she has health. Unfortunately she is very delicate.

It is surprising what different kinds of places the different girls require. One needs the society that may be found in a village, the Sunday-school concerts, and the neighborly visits; another requires the freedom of a farm for her best development. It is delightful to find what an interest some of these good women, who live far away from Boston, take in the Children's Aid Society, working over the girls with a true spirit of philanthropy.

The work of the associate visitors is so hearty and helpful that we are glad to be able to add two more to the list. The following, beside the Committee, are now visitors: Mrs. Samuel Cabot, Miss Harriet R. Chickering, Miss Caroline P. Cordner, Miss Lucia B. Cutts, Miss Georgina G. Eaton, Miss Lucy H. Lee, Miss Martha Silsbee, Miss Margaret B. Slade.

3. — PINE FARM.

A Training Farm for 20 Wayward Boys, at West Newton, Mass.

Committee: Mr. Parsons, Mr. Edmands, Mrs. Edmands, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Loring, Miss Paine, Mr. Pickering, Mrs. Slade.

REPORT OF JAMES T. MAYNARD, SUPERINTENDENT.

	Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894.
Number at beginning of year	27
Admitted	22
Returned from families	3
Placed in families	30
Discharged to relatives or otherwise	2
Died	0
Average daily number	24
Remaining at end of year	20

The boys at Pine Farm are cared for by the superintendent and matron, assisted by the school-teacher, farmer, seamstress, and kitchen-matron.

In almost every case the influence of true home-training has been lacking in the lives of the boys, and the work at the Farm

is to bring to the minds of the boys a new view of life and an entirely different mode of living. Anything savoring of institution life is dispensed with, and only that which tends to cultivate a love for home life is encouraged in the boys. Soon after coming to us, great improvement is shown in the neatness and cleanliness of the boys; and yet progress is necessarily slow, owing to the enormous effect of opposite qualities which have to be counteracted.

The boys are taught the use of tools, and instructed as far as possible in practical farm-life. The work in the house, as well as the outside work, is performed by the boys, under the supervision of those in charge. The assignment of work is as follows:

Three boys in kitchen, two in dining-room, one bread-boy, three boys in laundry, three in dormitories and halls, one in basement, one in reading-room, one in school-room, and five for the barn and farm work. These last are assisted by the other fifteen as they have time after satisfactorily finishing their regular work.

The daily routine is as follows: The rising-bell rings at 6.30 A.M., the kitchen and barn boys rising an hour earlier. Fifteen minutes are given in which to prepare for breakfast, and an additional fifteen for learning a verse or verses of Scripture for devotional service which follows breakfast. This is served at 7 o'clock and ends at about 7.45. Every boy then goes to his work, which he is expected to have completed at 9.15, when the first bell rings for school. This gives fifteen minutes for preparation, and sufficient time to get into school at 9.30. The morning session closes at 12 o'clock, leaving thirty minutes for the class in physical culture, held in the play-room. Dinner at 12.30, followed by a few moments of family talk before leaving the table. At 1 o'clock the house boys go about their work, and the others to some work around the farm. The first of the season the outside work was chiefly planting and hoeing; then came picking berries,—raspberries and blackberries,—followed by apple-picking and harvesting the vegetables, and later gathering leaves for winter bedding at the barn.

At odd moments, and sometimes by rising an hour earlier than

usual, the work at the park has been crowded in, and of late much enthusiasm exists in relation to the work at the pond, enlarging the border, and clearing out the tall weeds and grass to assure a smooth surface when skating comes.

Supper is served at 5 o'clock. Through the summer, every Wednesday and Saturday night, the boys went to Allen's pond for bathing, and considerable progress was made in swimming. To encourage this, a nickel or dime was offered to the one who made the greatest effort. They were always attended by the farmer or teacher. No accident occurred during the season, and much amusement was afforded.

Other nights after supper, if there is no special farm-work, military drill and field sports occupy the time until the bell rings for evening service, which consists of reading, singing, and family talks. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the importance of these conversations; it is evident that there has been a great lack of home training in this direction; and it is gratifying to see the wonderful improvement in the ability of the boys to converse in a sensible manner. Many good books have been read, and many an hour spent in singing. This, with Sunday-school lesson, meetings of the "City Government," etc., makes the evenings full. The session always closes with devotional services, and the boys retire at 8 o'clock.

On Sunday morning the boys, with the family, attend church and Sunday-school at West Newton, and reading, singing, and usually a study of the lesson for the next Sunday fill up the rest of the day.

The boys are just commencing their Christmas presents for each other and home friends: some are doing woodwork, brackets, small articles of furniture, etc.; others are knitting wristers, mats, reins, and various other things. The perseverance and interest manifested are very gratifying. A thousand and one questions naturally come from the boys, only two of whom ever attempted to knit before.

Mention should be made of the Sloyd work, which continued under the direction of Miss Lofsted until the first of August. The boys were divided into two classes, with lessons every Tuesday and Friday from 4 to 6 o'clock. Some of them en-

joyed it very much, and would be glad to have it continued; all succeeded fairly well in the work.

Since the sad death of Mr. Chase, our late music teacher, no outside instruction has been given; but we often have an hour of singing in the reading-room, and considerable attention is given to this in the school.

The advantages of both the Sloyd and the music have been enjoyed through the generosity of Mrs. Eldredge.

Our thanks are due to Miss Smith for free instruction in physical culture from February 19 to May 10.

The school is divided into two grades, eleven boys in the first and nine in the second grade. Both classes have daily work in reading, spelling, arithmetic, and geography. After the classes have finished reading in the afternoon, the remainder of the time (usually about an hour and a quarter) is given to work in physiology and history, and the study of elementary grammar and geography. As far as possible, the boys are kept informed as to current events by means of bulletin boards on which are posted clippings concerning important topics. One of these is in the school-room, the other in the reading-room.

The aim has been not so much for quantity as for quality, and the work has been such as would tend to create a desire to learn, and to cause the boys to think for themselves. The increased interest in physical culture is marked.

Perhaps nothing has afforded more real practical information, and at the same time recreation for the boys, than the establishment of the "Pine Farm City Government," early in July, to serve as an educator in the line of practical citizenship. The officers consist of a mayor, clerk, treasurer, board of three aldermen, three jurymen, a street commissioner and assistant, a police officer, and sergeant-at-arms. These offices are all filled by the boys, who have taken an unusual interest in the work, each one doing with a will the duty devolving upon his office. The constitution and by-laws were carefully prepared, and much time and pains taken to have every boy understand their meaning. Meetings are held once in two weeks, on Wednesday evening. Out of this sprung the "Park Commission," and the untiring efforts of the commissioners, together with hearty

coöperation on the part of the citizens, enabled them to dedicate a park on September 6, in the presence of a large and interested audience of parents and friends. His honor the mayor made the address of welcome. This was followed by recitations, dialogues, and singing, in which every boy took some part. A large number of them had never appeared in public (in this way) before, and the result of their efforts would have done credit to boys much older, and who have had better advantages in the past.

The boys are all on the "Roll of Honor," and have been since August first, with the exception of one who was off for two weeks on account of misbehavior. This by no means indicates that perfection has been reached by the boys, but wilful disobedience and untruthfulness have given way to mistakes and errors which arise not so much from purpose as from habit and forgetfulness. These are usually followed by confession and manifest sorrow. It is rarely that a boy deserves corporal punishment.

The change in the boys has been very gradual and we hope permanent. Some who six months ago were given to dishonesty, untruthfulness, and wilful disobedience are now among the most trusted. A notable case is that of a German boy who made no end of trouble when he came. He ran away three times in the first three weeks, taking a different boy with him each time. But he is now one of the best, and a favorite with all because of his loyalty and uprightness.

The change in the moral standing of the boys, we attribute more to the "line upon line and precept upon precept" plan than to any punishment. In some cases the latter has been necessary in order to make the boys understand that they must obey, but when once fully convinced of this they have readily fallen into line.

In August the boys, by the generosity of Mr. Henry S. Grew, were afforded a most delightful outing in the way of an excursion to Wayside Park, South Framingham. They engaged in races and various kinds of sports, and the time passed altogether too swiftly. Also, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Eldredge the boys enjoyed an afternoon's fun in gathering

chestnuts through her spacious grounds. Songs were sung and pieces spoken by many of the boys. They were bountifully served with ice-cream and cake.

We are much indebted also to three members of the Herford Club, of Arlington-street Church, Boston, for an account of the World's Fair illustrated by about fifty lantern-slides.

Valuable clothing and other gifts have been received from various sources, and donations from interested friends have been made to the "Park Fund," and for other purposes.¹ Thanks are also due to Dr. Albert Nott and Dr. C. E. A. Ross for medical and dental services.

Visits from interested friends bring always an inspiration to the workers, and are greatly enjoyed by the boys.

NOVEMBER 9, 1894.

4. — REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROCK LAWN FARM.

A Training Farm for 25 Wayward Boys, at Foxborough, Mass.

Committee: Mrs. Lamb, Miss Jackson, Mr. Lamb.

	Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894.
Number at beginning of year	22
Admitted	11
Returned from families	2
Placed in families	6
Discharged to relatives or otherwise	5
Average daily number	24
Remaining at end of year	24

Eight years have passed since we first placed our boys at Rock Lawn Farm, and with each year we feel more entirely satisfied with the work done, and with the uplifting influence which Mr. and Mrs. Morse exert over the wayward little fellows who come under their charge, and that this loving, helpful influence does not cease when the boys leave their care for other homes is shown by the number of letters — one hundred during the past year — which Mr. Morse has written to the boys, and their eager replies, telling of all their interests and experiences, and whenever opportunity allows, the boys return for visits, and graduates have taken the position of hired man on the farm more than once for several months at a time.

¹ For special donations to Pine Farm see page 40.

Twenty-five is the number of boys allowed in the Home, though there is room for more in the old-fashioned house, where one finds the typical New England life, and Mrs. Morse, a true mother, accomplishes a vast deal of work with the assistance of one woman. Her rare gift for teaching enables her to keep the school with the best results, and this year history has been introduced as a more thorough study than heretofore. Members of the school committee and teachers of the public schools in Foxborough visit our school and seem much pleased.

Most of the clothing is made in the Home from cloth which has been kindly given, and this year beside all the mending 127 new garments have been made — and Mrs. Morse's housekeeping has included even the preserving of 190 jars of fruit. Mr. Morse has reserved a barrel of apples for each boy in his cellar for the winter's use.

The farm of about 125 acres owned by Mr. Morse gives ample opportunity for the boys to learn a variety of farm work, under the instruction of Mr. Morse and his "hired man," and every autumn they earn a nice sum for the Society by cranberry picking in the neighborhood.

Each boy has his own small garden which receives his enthusiastic care during the summer, and the winter months find the boys greatly interested in the use of tools in carpentry. The Stamp Savings System continues with success.

The average stay of the boys in the Home who have been placed out this year has been between twenty-four and twenty-five months. This high average has been caused by the fact that a few boys have been extremely young or singularly obstinate cases to deal with.

We desire to express our thanks to Dr. Lemuel Dickerman, of Foxborough, for his free services; to the Congregational Church for free seats; and to Dr. Robert Powers, dentist.¹

¹ For special donations to Rock Lawn Farm, see page 41.

5. — WAYWARD BOYS PLACED OUT FROM TRAINING FARMS.

The Committee on the Placing-Out Agency, whose report in regard to destitute and neglected children, has already been given, report as follows of the boys sent to families from Pine and Rock Lawn Farms :

	Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894.
Number in families at beginning of year :	
In boarding homes	5
In free homes	54
In homes with wages	44
	—
	103
Pending, or otherwise placed at beginning of year	7
Placed during year	34
Total in charge during year	146
Returned to Training Farms	7
Returned to relatives under care of Graduate Agent	15
Number in families at end of year :	
In boarding homes	5
In free homes	46
In homes with wages	44
	—
	101
Pending or otherwise placed at end of year	6

This department of the Placing-Out Agency places boys from our Training Farms in country families, to work for board and clothing, until their work becomes of sufficient value for wages. Board is paid for a few little boys, and as much schooling as possible secured for all. The homes found for them are generally distant from Boston, among the farming population of New England, and the method of investigation is the same as in the first department of the Placing-Out Agency.

We feel that the work of placing and supervising these boys is in better shape than ever before, the practical evidence of it being fewer runaways and transfers. Our visitor, Miss Elizabeth P. Durham, has been with us so long that all our present places and boys have been hers from the beginning, and she has added a large experience to her natural fitness for the work ; but an important element in this improvement has been a reduction in her number of boys, so that she is able to condense and concentrate her work. She makes the acquaintance

of the boys before they come under her care, by spending occasional nights at the Training Farms, studies the wants of farmers and the different neighborhoods in which boys are placed, and by careful consideration of all these aims to fit each boy into the home best suited to his needs and capabilities. In this way the number of boys transferred from place to place has been much lessened, saving time and money to the society, besides the gain to the boy of living long enough in one family to become a member of it. The number of runaways has fallen fifty per cent. from last year, partly due to this careful placing, partly to Miss Durham's encouraging her boys to show a more manly spirit in putting up with small discomforts and discontents, and in appealing to her when necessary instead of taking matters into their own hands on a momentary impulse.

The decision of the Pine Farm committee to reduce the number of boys there to twenty by placing out within three months all who were at all qualified to go, brought a sudden pressure on this department. Special search had to be made for places, but in six weeks the nine boys were successfully placed.

Miss Durham now visits 81 boys, and 20 are visited by our Graduate Agent. Of these 101 boys 43 have saved this year \$281.50 by bank deposit, and 55 boys have stamp cards covering savings of \$26.26.

These cases show the encouraging side of the work:

A slow, unambitious boy of twelve, from Pine Farm, by the patient efforts of those with whom he was placed, has developed into a sturdy faithful fellow of eighteen, a member of the Methodist Church, respected and trusted by all in town. He writes to his visitor: "I want to thank you for that scolding you gave me when at Mr. P.'s, it was the best thing you could have given, with love from D."

A Foxborough boy of ten failed to keep three places, causing much anxiety to his mother and visitor by his bad conduct and want of interest in his studies. At last, when nearly fifteen, he was placed with people who became much attached to him and he to them, and he has now entered the high school,

eagerly promising to work early and late with no wages for the privilege of going to school. His mother expresses much gratitude for what has been done for him.

A ten-year-old Pine Farm boy of dissolute parents living in the South Cove did poorly in two places, but at last found his niche, and at seventeen takes entire charge of the farm work for the family with whom he lives, and has bought an adjoining farm of sixty acres with a small house, hay field, and growth of young timber. He paid \$200 from his savings, and \$125 was lent him by one of our directors, and he has made enough from house rent and hay this summer, besides his wages, to pay off \$40 of this debt. He is poorly educated and by no means "goody-goody," but plucky, hard-working, and manly.

A boy of fourteen, dishonest, disobedient, and a truant, was placed from Pine Farm, and returned after a year for stealing. He was tried again in a family where he has become like a son, and is working hard at a good preparatory school with the hope of studying medicine. His mother, who has had a hard struggle with poverty and ill health, cannot sufficiently express her gratitude. He says that he shall have four people to care for when they grow old: "mother, Mrs. C., grandma, and Miss Durham."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON DEPARTMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN HOMES IN THE CITY.

I. — REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "GRADUATES" AND "PROBATIONERS."

Committee: Mr. Lamb, Mr. Hubbard.

—Boys under supervision.—			
	Graduates.	Probationers.	Total.
Oct. 1, 1891	95	91	186
" 1, 1892	127	173	300
" 1, 1893	123	196	319
" 1, 1894	120	217	337

DATA IN REGARD TO GRADUATES.

Under care Oct. 1, 1893	123
New graduates during year	26
	— 149

Died	3	
Transferred	4	
Transferred to Bureau of Record	23	
	<hr/>	30
		119
Renewed	1	
	<hr/>	120
Received above from		
Pine Farm	68	
Rock Lawn Farm	29	
Weston Home	11	
Placing-Out Agency	12	
	<hr/>	120
Under care Oct. 1, 1894.		
Doing well (about) 50 per cent.		
" fairly well (about) 40 per cent.		
Not doing well (about) 10 per cent.		

DATA IN REGARD TO PROBATIONERS.

Under care Oct. 1, 1893	196	
Received from courts during year	42	
Informal probation " "	28	
On special " " "	7	
	<hr/>	77
		273
Transferred to		
Pine Farm	6	
Rock Lawn Farm	2	
Other societies	5	
Placing-Out Agency	1	
Graduate list	2	
Bureau of Record	40	
	<hr/>	56
		217
Under care Oct. 1, 1894		
Doing well (about) 58 per cent.		
Doing fairly well (about) 28 per cent.		
Doing poorly (about) 14 per cent.		

After boys have received the training of Pine Farm or Foxborough, and are believed to have been started on the road to right living, with the desire to remain in it, they are usually placed on farms. Here, under the new impulses that have been given them, it is hoped that their characters will develop, uninfluenced by the temptations of the city. But sooner or later, for the

most part when the period of surrender to the Society expires, most of them return to the city, where they may again be beset by their old temptations. It is at this stage that the work of our graduate agent begins. He is the friend to whom the boy can look for help in finding work, or, if he has no home, in securing a good boarding-place. He makes occasional visits to the boy, and receives him at his home; perhaps brings him into a better circle of friends by introduction to some boys' club or Sunday-school.

Once a fortnight, or oftener, the agent meets with the Graduate and Probation Committee and the difficult cases are talked over. When the boy reaches the age of 18 or 19 years, particular supervision ceases. Boys are then placed on the "Bureau of Record" and occasionally looked up. When they are finally married and have a family, we naturally assume that any further supervision, if not unnecessary, would at least be out of place.

The probationers may be divided into three classes. In the first class are boys who have been arrested for criminal offences, and brought before the courts. Here, if not before, they come to the notice of our agent, who regularly attends the central court. The judge sometimes consults with him as to the best disposition to be made of boys, and they are often placed on probation under his oversight, instead of being sent to some institution.

Sometimes the boy proves unworthy of his probation, and again commits a crime; or our agent deems it advisable to surrender him as he fails to amend; in either case, the boy is sent to one of the Society's homes, or to a public institution. If to the latter, he is still in touch with our agent, who writes to him and sometimes visits him.

One method of treatment which our agent applies to boys addicted to thieving is to give them money to keep for him. Thus, when they are tempted to spend this money, they are taught to realize that it is the property of someone else, which they have no right to use.

The second class of probationers are the truants. These are visited in their homes. The school teachers are seen, and they, in their turn, keep our agent advised of the boys' behavior.

With someone continually keeping track of them, who can turn them over to the truant officers, resulting probably in a sentence to the truant school, they frequently reform without further measures being necessary. If not, they are sent to one of the Society's Training Farms, or turned over to the truant officers.

In the third class are those who are brought to us not by the authorities, but by their parents or friends; as one would bring a sick child to a physician; or for the same reason that boys are sent to boarding-school, when they cannot be disciplined at home.

The following is an illustrative case. B., fifteen years of age. High school boy. Parents very respectable and intelligent. Father away most of the time on business. Boy very disobedient, even repelling his mother's commands by force. The Society's agent was given full authority by the father to take any steps necessary. He took the boy informally before a judge, who told him whither such actions would lead him. After making the boy perfectly conscious of what he was doing, a friendly interest was kept up with apparently very good results.

Of the 273 probationers under the care of our agent last year, eight have been sent to Pine Farm or Foxborough, five to the care of other societies, and only seven have been sent to public institutions as beyond our control.

2. — REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME LIBRARIES.

Committee: Mr. Pickering, Miss Paine.

	Oct. 1, 1893.	Oct. 1, 1894.
Home Libraries	68	64
Volunteer Visitors ¹	52	43
Membership	646	608

On Oct. 1, 1894, sixty-four libraries were in active operation with forty-three volunteer visitors. This want of visitors continues to be the main obstacle to the extension of the libraries, whose increasing usefulness is fully shown by every year of the work. Visitors who can give evening hours are especially wanted, as many of the children are at work and have only their evenings free. This working time after leaving

¹ On pages 41-42 will be found lists of the volunteer visitors and book-reviewers.

school is the critical age when friendly interest and encouragement are most needed. These young people should not be allowed to drift, and the importance of the weekly meetings cannot be over-estimated.

One of the South Boston libraries has been made the nucleus of a girls' club of thirty members, meeting weekly, and devoting two hours to sewing, music, and Swedish gymnastic exercises. January 10th the club gave a party at which some fifty guests were present. The evening was spent in music, gymnastics, and dancing.

The importance of individual work has been shown in cases where for a time there has been no visitor and a substitute visitor has temporarily taken charge of the library. No such substitute has been able to establish the confidential relations with the children, which are indispensable to the best results. The children in all cases demand their "own visitor," their personal friend. We urge our friends to give us their time one afternoon or evening a week in our efforts to further this department of the work.

Increasing signs are constantly seen of the practical value of the libraries to the everyday life in families: in increased cleanliness to person and household, a growing pride in better surroundings, and a general up-lifting of the whole family life to a higher plane, and what is more encouraging still, the keeping of it there.

Another most hopeful indication is the demand for libraries from families whose removal has necessitated the transfer of libraries to other families; the library has been so much a part of the home life that no housekeeping in new quarters is quite the same without it. Three libraries in Boston were made homeless by the taking of the houses by the Old Colony Railroad for depot purposes. The children belonging to them moved in all directions, but they kept the books most carefully during the up-turning, and located them in their new quarters without a suggestion from the visitor. In two of these cases new librarians had to be found because the former ones had moved into too small quarters to accommodate a library. The children decided upon librarians themselves, and then sent the

candidates to the visitor to ask her consent for them to fill this responsible position. Not a single member has been lost from these two groups, although some of them live at a great distance. Many graduates of the libraries are doing well in good places. Three are employed at the Riverside Press, two are learning dressmaking, and one with assistance from the Dix fund has learned and is now employed in typewriting, and has already returned the borrowed money. Another is in the high school, and will fit herself to be a trained nurse.

Two hundred and nineteen sets of books have been exchanged during the year, an increase of sixty-six over last year, and requests for certain kinds of books and individual books have been frequent.

The interest in the libraries, too, has extended far and wide, and they are now in operation in Chelsea, Cambridge, Lynn, New York, Albany, Buffalo, and Cincinnati.

Two sales of plants were held in the spring, and two hundred and fifty-seven plants were bought by the children at eight cents apiece. A festival was given in the autumn to all children bringing live plants bought at this or previous sales. The plants brought showed better care than in previous years, some being two years old.

During the summer weekly excursions were made to Castle Island and greatly enjoyed by the children. These were in all cases in charge of a visitor, the car tickets being largely provided by the West End Street Railway Co. About one-third of the total membership of the libraries attended.

The report of stamp savings for the year shows a total of \$862.60 on Oct. 1, 1894.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Committee: Mr. Parsons, Mr. Edmands, Mr. Hale, Miss Loring, Miss Parker, Mr. White.

The committee, which meets monthly, has grappled constantly with the problem of raising money to meet the necessary expenses of the Society. Our annual income from invested funds was only \$2,760.29, the regular subscribers contributed \$3,644, making our expected income \$6,404.29. Besides this we have received for maintenance of children \$8,066.95, of which \$6,395.59 was paid by parents or guardians. The remainder, \$18,759.81, was given in response to several appeals; a very large portion of it was given by a few generous friends, who many times have kindly come to our aid in emergencies. While we must rely for several years to come on their assistance, our intention is to make the support of the Society depend on a greatly increased annual subscription list and the income of its invested funds. This is the more important as new enterprises must interfere with the possibility of repeated large gifts from a few persons.

We feel that the cutting down of the expenditure this year has seriously crippled the work of the society, and while we are strenuously opposed to any measure of extravagance, we realize that to overwork our paid force is unwise and uneconomical; and it is impossible to increase the work in answer to the increasing demand.

During the year we have lost through the death of donors and subscribers about \$1,000 of annual income. Since the beginning of our new financial year we have been greatly encouraged by the generous gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, to be added to our permanent fund.

Our deep sense of loss in the death of Mrs. Mary Hemenway, formerly a director of the Society and always its generous friend, is recorded in the following resolution:

The Directors of the Boston Children's Aid Society desire to preserve upon their Records their recognition of the invaluable support and encouragement which the Society has received for so many years, in various forms, from the active sympathy and the judicious and unstinted liberality of Mrs. Mary Hemenway. They remember with grateful appreciation not merely her contributions for the cause, largely for the special purposes which her wise preference selected, but the uncounted value of her personal sympathy and approval, while they feel they may properly express their sense of the great loss which those who shared her friendship, every good cause, and the whole community have suffered in the earthly termination of a life so noble.

For the Board of Directors,

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL,

General Secretary.

NOVEMBER 9, 1894.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

EDWARD JACKSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOSTON
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1894.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1893	\$1,206 67
Income from invested funds	2,760 29
Annual subscriptions	3,644 00
Donations for general treasury	11,176 09
Special donations:	
For salaries	\$450 00
" Bureau of Information	600 00
" Placing-Out Agency	1,206 00
" Pine Farm	235 00
" Rock Lawn Farm	255 00
Earned by boys at Rock Lawn Farm	80 00
For Home Libraries	137 91
" Christmas	98 44
" special children	1,791 50
	<hr/> 4,943 85
Sale of produce at Pine Farm	349 45
" various things	17 86
Received of parents and guardians for support:	
Of boys at Pine Farm	\$523 51
" boys at Rock Lawn Farm	220 16
" boys at Weston Farm	86
" children in families	5,088 40
" graduates in families	308 82
For supervision	146 17
Refunds and miscellaneous	107 67
	<hr/> 6,395 59
Received for board of children in families:	
From benevolent individuals	\$1,795 15
" charitable societies	675 29
" Overseers of the Poor	1,441 26
" State Aid (Soldiers' Relief Fund)	96 67
	<hr/> 4,008 37
Received for support of boys at Pine and Rock Lawn Farms:	
From benevolent individuals	\$158 43
" charitable societies	78 00
" Overseers of the Poor	89 77
" State Aid (Soldiers' Relief Fund)	119 33
	<hr/> 445 53
On account of legacy from Mary Anne Wales	1,562 50
Sale of Kansas City, Memphis, and Birmingham R.R. scrip	213 95
	<hr/> <u>\$36,724 15</u>

Expenditures.

Services of General Secretary, stenographer, bookkeeper . . .	\$3,813 19	
Bureau of Information. — Services of three assistants . . .	2,331 99	
Placing-Out Agency. — Services of three assistants . . .	1,750 00	
Children placed in families	\$10,450 06	
Wayward girls " "	1,411 87	
Boys from training-farms placed in families . . .	590 93	
Girl at hospital	127 68	
	<hr/>	12,580 54
Pine Farm. — Salaries	\$2,054 70	
Other expenses	2,695 00	
	<hr/>	4,749 70
Rock Lawn Farm. — Salaries	\$900 00	
Other expenses	2,508 06	
	<hr/>	3,408 06
Graduates and probationers	1,003 50	
Home Libraries	1,006 27	
General expenses. — Travel	\$948 01	
Stationery, postage, printing	655 46	
Express and telegraph	55 12	
Light, heat, and care of office	317 04	
Sundries and incidentals	230 87	
Safe and room rent	21 25	
Annual report and "souvenir" appeal . . .	508 70	
Office boy	162 60	
Collector	50 48	
N.E. Conference of Charities	6 00	
Christmas	81 32	
	<hr/>	3,036 85
	<hr/>	\$33,680 10
\$1,500 Chicago, Burlington, and Northern Railroad first mortgage, five per cent. bonds for Wales fund	1,540 00	
Last instalment on mortgage in Cromwell-street, Hemenway fund	600 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$323 54	
" " Assistant Treasurer	72 76	
" " General Secretary	457 75	
" " Supt. of Pine Farm	50 00	
	<hr/>	904 05
	<hr/>	\$36,724 15

EDWARD JACKSON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, November 9, 1894.

Examined and found correct.

THEOPHILUS PARSONS, *Auditor.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

For the Year ending September 30, 1894.

A. B.	\$100 00	Bigelow, A. S.	\$2 00
Abbott, Mrs. Henry W.	5 00	Bigelow, Mrs. H.	10 00
A. B. C.	5 00	Bigelow, Miss M. A.	30 00
A. D. F.	20 00	Bigelow, Dr. Wm. S.	128 00
Ahl, Mrs. Daniel	10 00	Billings, Mrs. C. E.	10 00
Ahlborn, Mrs. H. C.	2 00	Black, Mrs. G. N.	25 00
Alexander, F. W.	5 00	Blackie, Mrs.	2 00
Alford, O. H.	5 00	Blake, Mrs. A. W.	52 00
Allen, Alfred M.	10 00	Blake, Mrs. G. B.	20 00
Allen, Hon. Charles	10 00	Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman	10 00
Allen, C. Frank	3 00	Bloom, Wm.	2 00
Allen, Joseph A.	2 00	Bond, Miss Mabel H.	2 00
Ames, Rev. Charles G.	5 00	Bouvé, Mrs. Thomas T.	1 00
Ames, Mrs. James B.	20 00	Bowditch, Charles P.	25 00
Ames, Miss Mary S.	50 00	Bowditch, Miss Charlotte	5 00
Amory, Miss Anna S.	85 00	Bowditch, Henry P.	2 00
Amory, C. W.	10 00	Bowditch, W. I.	5 60
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25 00	Boyden, Mrs. Charles	6 00
Amory, Mrs. Harcourt	2 00	Bradford, Mrs. C. F.	10 00
Amory, Miss M. S.	2 00	Bradlee, Miss H. C.	55 75
Andrews, Miss C. F.	2 00	Bradlee, Josiah	10 00
Andrews, Clement W.	2 00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	10 00
Andrews, Miss Mary T.	10 00	Brewer, E. M.	50 00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G.	15 00	Brewer, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	5 00
Anonymous	15 00	Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin	2 00
Anonymous	2 00	Brewster, Cobb, & Estabrook	10 00
Appleton, Mrs. William	25 00	Brewster, Mrs. Oliver	5 00
Arklay, Mrs. Patrick	2 00	Brewster, William	5 00
Armstrong, George E.	5 00	Briggs, Dr. E. C.	5 00
Aspinwall, Mrs. W. H.	5 00	Brimmer, Martin	500 00
Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. George F.	2 00	Brooks, Mrs. Henry	5 00
Associated Charities, Ward XVI, through	10 00	Brooks, Mrs. Peter C.	10 00
Atkins, Mrs. Elisha	5 00	Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	125 00
Atkinson, George	10 00	Brown, Mrs. Atherton	2 00
Austin, Edward	25 00	Brown, Miss Helen G.	2 00
Austin, Mrs. Wm. R.	2 00	Brown, Mrs. James	2 00
Avery, Mrs. E.	1 00	Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	20 00
B. W., Mrs., through	6 00	Bryant, Mrs. J. D.	2 00
Bacon, Mrs. M. P.	2 00	Buck, Mrs. David	5 00
Baker, Charles F.	3 00	Bullard, A. M.	2 00
Bailey, Miss Elizabeth H.	2 00	Bullard, Stephen	10 00
Barnard, Mrs. George M.	205 00	Bullard, Mrs. S. H.	5 00
Barnard, Mrs. Mary C. E.	1 00	Bullard, Theodore	1 00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	5 00	Bullard, W. S.	40 00
Bartlett, Miss Elvira	2 00	Bunker, Alfred	3 00
Bartlett, Miss Esther A.	2 00	Burnham, Mrs. A.	25 00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie	20 00	Burnham, Mrs. Everett	1 00
Bartlett, Francis	10 00	Burnham, Mrs. John A.	25 00
Bartlett, John	2 00	Burnham, Mrs. J. A., jr.	5 00
Bartol, Miss Mary	2 00	Burr, Charles C.	20 00
Batchelder, C. F.	25 00	Burr, Mrs. Charles C.	10 00
Bates, Jacob P.	2 00	Burr, Isaac T.	25 00
Bauer, Charles T.	2 00	Burr, Mrs. Isaac T.	10 00
Baxter, Thompson	5 00	C.	5 00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	8 00	Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20 00
Beal, Thomas P.	5 00	Cabot, Mrs. A. A.	2 00
Beals, Miss Gertrude	2 00	Cabot, Mrs. Francis	5 00
Beals, Mrs. W.	1 00	Cabot, J. Elliott	10 00
Beebe, J. Arthur	25 00	Cabot, John H.	25 00
Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur	10 00	Cabot, Mrs. Joseph S.	20 00
		Cabot, Mrs. Louis	25 00

Cabot, Dr. Richard C.	\$10 00	Crafts, Mrs. James M.	\$25 00
Cabot, Samuel	25 00	"Crickets," Cambridge	12 00
Cabot, Mrs. Samuel	10 00	Crocker, B. L.	5 00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	200 00	Crocker, Geo. G.	10 00
Calef, B. S.	2 00	Cross, Dr. H. B.	2 00
Call, Dr. Norman	2 00	C. T. H., In memory of	25 00
Callender, Mrs. Henry	2 00	Cummings, Mrs. Chas. A.	3 00
Campbell, H. H.	2 00	Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	25 00
Campbell, Wm. R.	2 00	Curtis, Miss Clara	2 00
Capen, Samuel B.	10 00	Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P.	20 00
Carlton, A.	2 00	Curtis, Greeley S.	10 00
Cary, Miss A. P.	60 00	Curtis, Mrs. Greeley S.	10 00
Cary, Mrs. E. M.	25 00	Curtis, Miss I. P.	3 00
Cary, Miss Georgiana S.	7 00	Cushing, Grafton D.	10 00
Cary, Mrs. Richard	2 00	Cushing, R. M.	25 00
Case, Mrs. J. B.	10 00	Cutler, Mrs. E. E.	5 00
Cash	2 00	Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5 00
Cash	1 00	Dabney, Miss O. Frederica	5 00
Cash	5 00	Dale, Mrs. Eben	5 00
Cash	5 00	Dalton, Miss Caroline	5 00
Cash	2 00	Dana, Mrs. R. H., Jr.	7 00
Cash	2 00	Daniels, Charles Edwin	2 00
Cash	2 00	Darling, Neddie and Amy	2 00
Cash	5 00	Davenport, Mrs. A. M.	5 00
Cash	2 00	Davis, Miss Eliza F.	2 00
Cash	2 00	Davis, Mrs. E. L.	5 00
Cash	2 00	Davis, Miss E. W.	2 00
Cash	2 00	Davis, J. Alba	2 00
Cash	2 00	Davis, J. W.	2 00
Cash	2 00	Davis, Mrs. W. M.	2 00
Cash	2 00	D. E. A.	1 00
Cash	2 00	De Long, Mrs. E. R.	2 00
Cash	2 00	Denny, Daniel	2 00
Cash	2 00	Denny, Miss Mary G.	2 00
Cash	2 00	Dewey, Miss Mary E.	2 00
Cash	10 00	Dexter, Mrs. C. W.	5 00
Cash	1 75	Dexter, George	50 00
Cash	25 00	Dexter, Mrs. Morton	3 00
C. C. H.	2 00	Dickson, B. H.	5 00
Chadwick, Mrs.	5 00	Dillaway, Mrs. C. K.	2 00
Chaffin, Mrs. J. C.	2 00	Dillingham, Rev. Pitt	35 00
Chandler, Mrs. F. W.	15 00	Ditson, Mrs. Oliver	2 00
Channing, Miss E. P.	1 00	Dobson, Mrs. Isaac F.	2 00
Chapin, Mrs. N. G.	2 00	Dodge, Mrs. John W.	5 00
Chapin, Miss	2 00	Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F.	7 00
Chase, Wm. L.	2 00	Drake, J. M. E.	5 00
Chase, Mrs. Wm. L.	5 00	Dresel, Mrs.	2 00
Chatman, Mrs. J. W.	1 00	Drummond, Mrs. James	10 00
Cheever, Dr. David W.	5 00	Dunklee, Miss Helen L.	2 00
Cheever, Miss Helen	0 00	Dunklee, Miss Kate A.	2 00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P.	2 00	Dupee, Miss Elizabeth B.	2 00
Choate, Mrs. C. F.	50	Dwight, Edmund	10 00
Clapp, James H.	2 00	Dwight, F. P.	2 00
Clapp, Miss Mabel D.	50 00	Eaton, Miss G. G.	20 00
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. B. Preston	15 00	Eaton, Mrs. W. S.	25 00
Clarke, Mrs. Eliot C.	15 00	Edmands, A. L.	5 00
Clarke, Mrs. J. F.	5 00	Edmands, T. S.	105 00
Clarke, Miss Lillian	5 00	E. E. W.	1 00
Club, Lend-a-Hand, Arlington	2 00	Eldredge, Mrs. E. T.	600 00
Club, Lend-a-Hand, Lexington	46 00	Eliot, Samuel	2 00
Club, Lynn Boys	10 50	Eliot, Mrs. Samuel	12 00
Club, Witch Hazel	45 00	Ellison, Mrs.	50
Cobb, Henry E.	10 00	Ellison, Mrs. F. B.	20 00
Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander	20 00	Emerson, Charles W.	25 00
Cochrane, Fred. H.	2 33	Emerton, Mrs. J. H.	10 00
Codman, Charles R.	10 00	Emery, Mrs. William	5 00
Codman, Mrs. J. Amory	5 00	Endicott, Miss Clara T.	10 00
Collamore, Miss	10 00	Endicott, William, Jr.	250 00
Collamore, Miss Helen	10 00	Ernst, Mrs. Harold	5 00
Converse, E. W.	10 00	Estabrook, Miss	2 00
Coolidge, Mrs. D. H.	10 00	Evans, Mrs. C. W.	2 00
Coolidge, J. R.	10 00	Evans, Mrs. Glendower	10 00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T.	10 00	Everett, Hon. Wm.	2 00
Cordner, Miss C. P.	2 00	Fair, proceeds of, through Constance Hill, Molly and Katrine Coolidge, Bertha Harrington	164 75
Cordner, Mrs. J.	2 00		
Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1 00		
Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.	10 00		

Fairbanks, F. B.	\$2 00	Glover, Joseph B.	\$100 00
Fairchild, Mrs. Charles	27 71	Goddard, G. A.	25 00
Faulkner, C. W., In memory of	25 00	Goddard, Mrs. M. T.	25 00
Faulkner, Dr. George	20 00	Gorham, Mrs. W. H.	5 00
Faxon, John G.	2 00	Gray, Mrs. Asa	100 00
Fay, Joseph S.	20 00	Gray, Miss Elizabeth C.	50 00
Fay, Lillie, Alice, Ethel, Rosamond, and Richard	10 00	Gray, Miss Harriet	100 00
Fay, Mrs. Richard S.	10 00	Gray, Rev. James M.	2 00
F. C. N.	5 00	Gray, Mrs. John C.	5 00
Fellows, Miss C.	2 00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5 00
Fenno, L. C.	10 00	Green, Charles G.	20 00
Fette, Mrs. W. Eliot	2 00	Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10 00
Fields, Mrs. James T.	2 00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. Copley	5 00
Fiske, Mrs. Andrew	5 00	Greenough, Charles P.	2 00
Fiske, Mrs. J. N.	50 00	Greenough, Mrs. Henry	2 00
Fitz, Mrs.	1 00	Greenough, Mrs. W. W.	5 00
Fitz, W. S.	4 00	Grew, Edward S.	10 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	100 00	Grew, Henry Sturgis	50 00
Fitzgerald, Desmond	10 00	Grew, Mr. and Mrs. H. S.	50 00
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Desmond	5 00	Grew, Mrs. H. S.	14 66
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10 00	Grover, W. O.	25 00
Flanders, Mrs. Henry	1 00	Guild, Mrs. Caroline S.	2 00
Folsom, Miss Amy	25 00	Guild, Miss Harriet J.	2 00
Foot, Arthur	2 00	Guild, Mrs. S. E.	10 00
Foot, Mrs. Henry W.	5 00	Guirey, Mrs. M. Y.	5 47
Forbes, J. M.	50 00	Hale, Hon. George S.	22 00
Frank, Mrs. D.	1 00	Hall, Miss Fannie M.	2 00
Friend, in memory of C. W. Faulkner	100 00	Hall, Mrs. Solomon	2 00
Friend	100 00	Hammer, E. C.	25 00
Friend	2 00	Hammond, Mrs. G. W.	5 00
Friend	100 00	Harding, George Campbell	5 00
Friend, through Miss Silsbee	5 00	Hart, Prof. Albert Bushnell	2 00
Friend	17 94	Hartwell, Henry W.	2 00
Friend	2 00	Haskell, Mrs. E. B.	20 00
Friend	5 00	Hastings, Mrs. H. P.	2 00
Friend	1 00	Hay, Gustavus	2 00
Friend	1 00	Hayden, Stone, & Co.	9 27
Friend	2 00	Haynes, John C.	100 00
Friend	2 00	H. C.	2 00
Friend	2 00	Hench, Mrs. Charles	5 00
Friend, through Miss Drew	5 00	Heinsen, K. F.	2 00
Friend	50	Hemenway, Augustus	1,000 00
Friend	5 00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10 00
Friend	1 50	Hemenway, Mrs. Mary	306 90
Friend	2 00	Hemenway, estate of Mrs. Mary	150 00
Friend, in memory of Miss Mary Anne Wales	20 00	Henry, Mrs. J. Q.	2 00
Friend	5 00	Higginson, Mrs. H. L.	15 00
Friend	2 00	Higginson, J. A.	5 00
Friend	15 00	Higginson, Waldo	10 00
Friend, through Benj. R. Pettee	10 00	Hildreth, Miss Emily E.	20 00
Friend, through Mrs. E. L. Tuttle	10 00	Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.	5 00
Friend, through Mrs. A. M. Davenport	5 00	Hoadley, Mrs. Catherine G. and Miss Maria G. Hoadley Macintosh	2 00
Friend	5 00	Hobbs, Franklin W.	2 00
Friend	50 00	Hodges, Dr. R. M.	5 00
Friend	10 00	Hodges, Mrs. R. M.	5 00
Friend	2 00	Hollingsworth, Mrs. E. R.	5 00
Friend, through Miss A. P. Jackson	50 00	Holman, Louis A.	2 00
Friends, through Miss A. P. Jackson	30 00	Holmes, Dr. O. W.	10 00
Friends, through Miss A. P. Jackson	25 00	Hooper, Edward W.	100 00
Friend, through C. W. Birtwell	1 00	Hooper, Mrs. R. C.	5 00
Friend, through C. W. Birtwell	1 00	Hooper, Mrs. R. C., Jr.	25 00
Frothingham, Edward	5 00	Hopkinson, Mrs. J. P.	5 00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen	5 00	Houghton, Clement S.	10 00
Fry, Mrs. Charles	25 00	Houghton, Mrs. Harriet N.	2 00
Fuller, Henry	2 00	Howe, Henry S.	15 00
Gage, Mrs. C. S.	4 27	Howe, Mrs. Julia Ward	2 00
Gardiner, Miss Eugenia	25 00	Howell, Wm. J.	2 00
Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H.	2 00	Howland, Mrs. R. I.	2 00
Gardner, Miss Laura E.	2 00	Hubbard, Charles Eustis	10 00
Gay, Albert	1 00	Hubbard, C. W.	110 00
Gay, Mrs. Levi B.	5 00	Hubbard, Mrs. Gorham	5 00
Gilbert, Samuel	2 00	Hubbard, James M.	5 00
Gill, Aug. H.	2 00	Hudson, John E.	20 00
Glover, Mrs. H. R.	2 00	Humphreys, James H.	5 00
		Humphreys, Richard C.	7 00
		Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth A.	2 00

Hunnewell, F. W.	\$25 00	Lowell, Hon. John	\$10 00
Hunnewell, H. H.	100 00	Lowell, Mrs. John	10 00
Hunnewell, the Misses	8 00	Lowell, Miss Lucy	13 00
Hunnewell, Walter	25 00	Lyman, Miss Annie	15 00
Hutchins, Mrs. Constantine F.	2 00	Lyman, Arthur T.	10 00
Hutchinson, George	2 00	Lyman, Miss Ella	10 00
Isagi, Mrs. Oscar	60 00	Lyman, Miss Florence	5 00
Jackson, Mrs. A. E.	1 00	Lyman, George H.	10 00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	31 41	Lyman, Miss Julia	15 00
Jackson, Prof. C. L.	70 00	Lyman, Theodore	25 00
Jackson, Edward	50 00	Mandell, S. P.	5 00
Jackson, Miss Eleanor	10 00	Manning, Mrs. F. C.	7 00
Jackson, Ernest	50 00	Manning, John P.	2 00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	40 00	Marcy, H. S.	2 00
Jackson, Miss M. C., Trustee	25 00	Marion, H. E.	2 00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	10 00	Mason, Miss Ellen F.	300 00
James, Mrs. John W.	10 00	Mason, Miss Fanny P.	10 00
Jones, Miss Helen L.	15 00	Mason, Miss Ida	1,700 00
Jaynes, C. P.	25 00	Mason, Mortimer B.	10 00
J. C. L.	5 00	Mason, Wm. Powell	20 00
Jewett, Mrs. F.	5 00	Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society	100 00
Jewett, Rev. Lyman	2 00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10 00
Jewett, Miss Sarah O.	10 00	M. A. W.	30 00
Jones, Mrs. Charles H.	5 00	May, Miss Eleanor G.	10 00
Jones, Miss Mary	1 00	May, Miss Eleanor G., Trustee	50 00
Jordan, Mrs. Helen L.	2 00	May, Miss Josephine	109 43
Kehew, Mrs. Wm. Browne	5 00	Member of Eliot Church	100 00
Kendall, Mrs. R. W.	2 00	M. B. P.	100 00
Kendry, Davis M.	2 00	Means, Miss Anne M.	10 00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10 00	Means, Rev. Frederick H.	2 00
Kidder, Henry T.	10 00	Merriam, Charles	12 00
Kimball, Charles F.	2 00	Messinger, Miss Susan D.	2 00
Kimball, C. H., Jr.	2 00	Metcalf, Albert	25 00
Kimball, Mrs. D. P.	50 00	Metcalf, Mrs. Robert T.	2 00
Kimball, Mrs. L. C.	1 00	Meyer, Mrs. George Von L.	10 00
Kimball, Mrs. M. Day	2 00	Miffin, Mrs. George H.	1 00
King, Miss S. Frank	35 00	Miller, W. T.	2 00
King's Chapel Committee on Charities	100 00	Millett, Mrs. E. C.	2 00
Kittredge, Mrs. J. C.	13 43	Mills, W. H.	1 00
Kuhn, Mrs. Hartman	5 00	Minot, Dr. Francis	5 00
Lamb, H. A.	15 39	Minot, William	5 00
Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	400 00	Mixer, Miss M. C.	10 00
Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan A.	4 00	Montgomery, Wm.	10 00
Lane, W. C., through	11 25	Moore, J. Lowell	2 00
Lawrence, Miss Gertrude S.	1 00	Moore, Stephen	2 00
Lawrence, Miss M.	10 00	Morse, Miss F. R.	20 00
Lawrence, Rt. Rev. Wm.	25 00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25 00
Lawrence, Mrs. William	15 00	Moseley, Mrs. A.	2 00
Lawrence, Mrs. W. R.	5 00	Moseley, Miss	2 00
Lawton, Mrs. M. A.	1 00	Motley, Mrs. Edward	10 00
Lee, George C.	25 00	Motley, Mrs. E. Preble	5 00
Lee, Henry	100 00	Munro, Miss Martha H.	10 00
Lee, Joseph	30 00	Murdock, Miss Maria	10 00
Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	2 00	Nichols, Mrs. A. H.	2 00
Livermore, T. L.	5 00	Nichols, Benjamin W.	25 00
Lodge, Mrs. John E.	10 00	Nichols, Mrs. C. C.	5 00
Longfellow, Miss Alice M.	50 00	Nichols, Mrs. F. W.	27 50
Lootz, G.	2 00	Nichols, J. Howard	25 00
Lord, Mrs. George C.	2 00	Nichols, Miss M. P.	5 00
Loring, Augustus P.	10 00	Nickerson, Howard T.	2 00
Loring, Mrs. Charles G.	15 00	Niles, Mrs. G. E.	1 00
Loring, C. W.	60 00	North, James N.	250 00
Loring, Miss K. P.	20 00	O'Brien, Robert L.	2 00
Loring, the Misses	15 00	Otis, Mrs. Walter J.	2 00
Loring, Mrs. W. C.	935 00	Paine, Miss Helen	11 80
Lothrop, Mrs. T. K.	40 00	Paine, The Misses	50 00
Loud, Miss Sarah P.	5 00	Paine, Robert Treat	10 00
Loving, Mrs. C. T.	10 00	Paine, Robert Treat Paine Association	500 00
Lowell, Miss A. C.	75 00	Palfrey, Miss	2 00
Lowell, Mrs. A. L.	5 00	Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.	6 00
Lowell, Mrs. Augustus	10 00	Palmer, Clarence F.	2 00
Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	75 00	Palmer, Miss	1 00
Lowell, Miss G.	25 00		

Parker, Miss E. G.	\$10 00	Sargent, Mrs. Charles S.	\$10 00
Parkinson, Mrs. John	25 00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25 00
Parkman, Miss E. S.	5 00	Sargent, Winthrop	100 00
Parkman, Mrs. Henry	2 00	Schlesinger, Barthold	25 00
Parkman, Miss M. R.	27 98	Scudder, Horace E.	2 00
Parsons, The Misses	5 00	Sears, Dr. Henry E.	50 00
Parsons, Mrs. M. G.	10 00	Sears, J. Montgomery	50 00
Parsons, Miss G.	10 00	Sears, Mrs. K. W.	25 00
Parsons, Theophilus	55 00	Sears, the Misses	4 00
Payson, Miss C. E.	25 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	20 00
Peabody, Mrs. A. P.	2 00	Second Cong. Church, West Newton,	25 00
Peabody, F. H.	25 00	Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	300 00
Peabody, Miss Mary C.	5 00	Shattuck, George O.	5 00
Peabody, Miss M. R.	5 00	Shaw, Miss Anna B.	10 00
Peabody, O. W.	10 00	Shaw, Francis	10 00
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	20 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland	50 00
Pecker, Miss Annie J.	4 11	Shaw, Mrs. George R.	5 00
Peirson, Mrs. E. B.	2 00	Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell	5 00
Perkins, Miss E. W.	5 00	Shaw, Mrs. L. A.	5 00
Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	100 00	Shaw, Quincy A.	200 00
Pickering, Mrs. Henry	100 00	Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100 00
Pickering, Henry G.	67 16	Sheldon, Miss J. R.	10 00
Pickering, Henry W.	50 00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10 00
Pickman, Mrs. Dudley L.	25 00	Silsbee, Mrs. Martha	30 00
Pickman, Mrs. W. D.	20 00	Simes, Wm.	5 00
Pierce, Henry L.	100 00	Simpkins, Miss M. W.	5 00
Pierce, Mrs. N. W.	2 00	Skinner, Francis	10 00
Pierce, Phineas	2 00	Skinner, Mrs. Francis	50 00
Pierce, Wallace L.	12 00	Slade, Dr. and Mrs. D. D.	10 00
Plummer, George A.	25 00	Slade, Mrs. D. D.	5 00
Poor, Mrs.	1 00	Smith, Hogg & Gardner	5 00
Pope, Mrs. W. C.	2 00	Smith, Miss Paulina C.	5 00
Porter, Miss Helen	5 00	Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2 00
Porter, Herbert	2 00	Snow, Mrs. Henry C.	2 00
Potter, Mrs. W. B.	10 00	Sohier, Miss Elizabeth D.	10 00
Pratt, Lucius G.	20 00	Spaulding, John P.	50 00
Preston, George M.	5 00	Sprague, Mrs. C. F.	2 00
Primary Class, Sunday-school of Con- gregational Church, W. Somerville,	2 00	Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10 00
Putnam, Miss Ellen D.	3 00	Sprague, Mrs. G. W.	2 00
Putnam, Mrs. Harriet	2 00	Springer, Mrs. E. M.	1 00
Putnam, Mrs. James J.	5 00	Stackpole, Miss R.	5 00
Putnam, Mrs. S. R.	10 00	Stackpole, Mrs. S. M.	5 00
Putnam, Mrs. Wm.	10 00	Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	15 00
Quincy, George Henry.	10 00	Stearns, Margaret and Cordelia Jack- son	34 00
R.	30 00	Stetson, Amos W.	10 00
Rackeman, C. S.	10 00	Stevenson, Miss A. B.	5 00
Randall, Miss Belinda L.	300 00	Stevenson, Miss F. G.	5 00
Rawson, George A.	2 00	Stevenson, Miss M. C.	5 00
Reed, Miss S. E.	25 00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5 00
Reed, Rev. George	2 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	12 00
Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howell	2 00	Stone, Mrs. F. H.	5 00
Revere, Mrs. P. J.	2 00	Stone, Miss Katharine H.	2 00
Richardson, Mrs. M. H.	5 00	Stone, Mrs. Richard	10 00
Roberts, Walter H.	2 00	Storer, Miss Abby M.	10 00
Robeson, Mrs. W. R.	15 00	Storrow, Mrs. J. J., Jr.	2 00
Robinson, Miss Emily P.	2 00	Stratton, Charles E.	2 00
Rodman, Mrs. Alfred	5 00	Stratton, Mrs. Charles E.	2 00
Rodman, Miss Emma	5 00	Studley, Mrs. Edward A.	1 00
Rodman, S. W.	10 00	Sturgis, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Rogers, Miss A. P.	1,150 00	Sullivan, Richard	5 00
Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	15 00	Swan, Samuel	10 00
Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	8 00	Swint, J. W.	3 00
Ropes, John C.	20 00	Taggard, Mrs. Susan E.	2 00
Rotch, Mrs. Arthur	15 00	Tapley, Amos P.	5 00
Russell, Mrs. H. S.	10 00	Tappah, Miss M. A.	100 00
Russell, Miss Marian	25 00	Tarbell, Mrs. J. P.	2 00
Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20 00	Thacher, Mrs. Chas. A.	5 00
Saint Stephen's House,	17 43	Thacher, Mrs. George W.	3 00
Saltonstall, Henry	200 00	Thayer, Miss Adele G.	25 00
Saltonstall, Leverett	15 00	Thayer, Mrs. Nathaniel	100 00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett	5 00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	10 00
Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M.	15 00	Thorndike, Mrs. Augustus	2 00
Sampson, Augustus N.	2 00	Thorndike, Charles	25 00
Sargent, Charles S.	25 00	Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.	100 00
		Thorndike, Sturgis H.	3 00
		Ticknor, Miss	50 00

Tilden, George T.	\$2 00	Wells, Miss Ruth L.	\$2 00
Tinkham, Mrs. George H.	2 00	Wentworth, Mrs. Chas. F.	2 00
Tolman, Miss H. S.	5 00	Weston, Mrs. Thomas	1 00
Tolman, James P.	25 00	Wheaton, Mrs. E. B.	10 00
Tower, Mrs. Edward	2 00	Wheeler, Miss Sarah M.	2 00
Trowbridge, Mrs. W. O.	1 00	Wheelwright, Andrew C.	25 00
Tryon, J.	2 00	Wheelwright, Mrs. Geo. W.	2 00
Tucker, F. H.	15 00	Whidden, Stephen H.	4 00
Tucker, Mrs. J. P.	1 00	White, Miss C. T.	5 00
Tucker, Lawrence	30 00	White, Mrs. Edgar T.	5 00
Tufts, Miss Frances	2 00	White, F. B.	1 00
Tufts, Miss Helen	2 00	White, Joseph H.	5 00
Tufts, James W.	100 00	Whitin, A. L.	2 00
Turner, Mrs. Albion	5 00	Whitman, Edmund A.	10 00
Turner, Mrs. Alfred T.	2 00	Whitman, Henry	5 00
Turner, Mrs. J. A.	5 00	Whitman, Mrs. Henry	50 00
Two Ladies	5 00	Whitney, Edward	20 00
Upham, Mrs. George P.	20 00	Whitney, Edward F.	25 00
Upham, Miss Susan	50 00	Whitney, George	5 00
Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin	10 00	Whitney, Pousland, & Co.	2 00
Vaughan, Mrs. W. W.	5 00	Whittemore, Maria M.	2 00
Vickery, Herman F.	5 00	Whittemore, Mrs. Sarah B.	2 00
Vogel, F. W.	5 00	Whitwell, Miss Natalie S.	5 00
Von Blomberg, Mrs. Adelheid, and the Misses	10 00	Whitwell, Miss Sophia L.	10 00
Wachter, Charles H.	2 00	Wigglesworth, Mrs. E.	2 00
Wainwright, Miss Rebecca	5 00	Wigglesworth, George	100 00
Wales, George W.	10 00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	50 00
Wales, Mrs. John	5 00	Wilder & Co.	5 00
Walworth, Mrs. A. C.	7 00	Willard, Miss Helen	2 00
Ward, Miss A. S.	20 00	Willard, Mrs. Z. A.	5 00
Ward, Miss C. E.	5 00	Williams, C. E.	2 00
Ward Company, Sam'l	2 00	Williams, Mrs. and the Misses	20 00
Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25 00	Williams, Miss Louise H.	50 00
Ware, Charles P.	15 00	Williams, Wm. C.	2 00
Ware, Mrs. Darwin E.	2 00	Wilson, Mrs. W. P.	3 00
Ware, Miss M. L.	15 00	Wilson, Mrs. W. R.	25 00
Warner, C. H.	2 00	Winsor, Miss Amy T.	1 00
Warren, Miss Cornelia	25 00	Winthrop, Hon. Robert C.	5 00
Warren, Dr. J. Collins	5 00	Winthrop, Mrs. R. C.	10 00
Warren, Mrs. S. D.	110 72	Wise, Albert	4 29
Warren, S. D., estate of	100 00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. Huntington	200 00
Warren, Mrs. S. D., Jr.	25 00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	30 00
Washburn, Rev. Alfred F.	10 00	Wood, Miss Cora	2 00
Waters, Mrs. Clara E. Clement	10 00	Wood, Henry	2 00
Watson, Mrs. C. H.	1 00	Woodruff, Frederick O.	5 00
W. B. A.	2 00	Woods, Mrs. Henry	100 00
Webster, Miss M. J.	2 00	Worcester, Charles P.	100 00
Weeks, Mrs. H. G.	5 00	Worcester, John	10 00
Welch, Mrs. C. M.	5 00	Worcester, Miss Margaret C.	3 00
Welch, Mrs. A. Davis	7 00	X.	5 00
Welch, George W.	2 00	Yerxa, S. B.	4 00
Welch, Otis E.	10 00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25 00
Welch, Mrs. M. W.	2 00	Zinn, Willard H.	2 00
		Zoebisch, Miss Pauline	2 00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1894.

Alexander, F., 1 book.
 Allen, Edward B., large box of papers and
 magazines.
 Allston Congregational Church, Volunteer
 Committee, through Mrs. Douglas Birnie,
 32 articles of clothing.
 Almy, Mrs. Charles, 5 articles of clothing.
 Ames, Mrs. A. M., 4 pairs of mittens.
 Anonymous, large box of magazines.
 Anonymous, 5 copies "Scribner's" magazine.

Anonymous, 1 pair wristers.
 Appleton, Mrs. Francis H., 11 articles of
 clothing.
 Bailey, Mrs. Minnie G., 63 articles of clothing.
 Beard, Mrs. A. C., 1 book, large package of
 magazines.
 Boston Home for Incurables, children in,
 through Miss Helen Gordon, 12 pairs of
 mittens, booklets, Christmas cards and
 candy-bags.

Boston Sewing Circle, through Miss Isa Loring, 67 articles of clothing.
 Boynton, E. P. & Co., 6 pairs of shoes.
 Brown, Mrs. J. H., package of Christmas cards.
 Burrage, Miss Caroline S., large package of copies of "Harper's Young People."
 Busy Bees, Unitarian Church, Fitchburg, through Miss Florence Belding, 18 articles of clothing, 1 book and package of magazines.
 Cabot, J. E., 13 copies of "Century."
 Centennial Sewing Circle, through Miss S. G. Andrews, 39 articles of clothing.
 Channing Circle, Arlington-street Church, through Mrs. Charles T. White, 61 articles of clothing.
 Chapman, Mrs. H. B., 9 articles of clothing, 42 copies "Youth's Companion."
 Chickering, Miss Harriet R., 2 pairs of reins, and 2 pairs of wristers.
 Child, Miss Ruth S., through, 2 years' copies of "St. Nicholas."
 Clark, Mrs. Lyman J., 11 articles boy's clothing.
 Collar, Miss Mildred, package of clothing.
 Davis, Miss Eleanor W., 1 book.
 Douglas, Mrs. S. E., 1 book.
 Dudley, Miss Helena, 1 dress.
 Durham, Miss Addie C., 36 copies "Youth's Companion."
 Emerson, Miss Francis V., School of, 8 articles of clothing and 3 infants' wardrobes.
 Fragments Society, First Church, Quincy, through Mrs. George S. Keyes, 47 articles of clothing.
 Friend, 2 articles of clothing.
 Gray, Miss Anna G., 10 Christmas presents.
 Hasty, Miss Martha P., 15 articles of clothing.
 Hayden, Mrs. J. O., 48 copies of magazines, 1 bound volume of Sunday-school papers.
 Hewins, Mrs. W. P., box of clothing.
 Hildreth, Miss Emily E., 4 barrels of apples.
 Hill, Mrs. A. S., 3 toys, 11 books, 14 boxes of candy.
 Hinckley, Mrs. T. F., 22 articles of clothing, box of toys.
 Jackson, Mrs. P. T., 21 Christmas present.
 Jewett, Mrs. F., 2 articles of clothing, 1 book, magazines and toys.
 Jones, Miss Sadie H., 4 Christmas presents and Christmas cards.

Kambour, Mrs., 2 dolls, 40 copies "Youth's Companion."
 Klous, Mrs. H. D., 51 articles of clothing, 14 toys, copies of "Ladies' Home Journal,"
 Ladies' Benevolent Society of Allston Congregational Church, through Rev. D. P. Birnie, 27 articles of clothing.
 Lord, Mrs. M. R., package of books and magazines.
 Loring, Mrs. Augustus P., 5 books.
 Loring, Mrs. W. C., \$3 for Placing Out Agency Stamp Savings, \$5 for subscriptions to "Dumb Animals."
 Merry Workers, Universalist Church, Franklin, through Mrs. R. M. Farnham, 8 dressed dolls.
 Moody, Miss Annie, 5 articles of clothing.
 Morse, Mrs. E. H., 52 copies "Youth's Companion."
 Murdock, Miss Annie, package of papers and 6 books.
 Needlework Guild of America, Jamaica Plain Branch, through Mrs. L. Shannon Davis, 219 articles of clothing.
 Norton, Miss Margaret, 3 months "St. Nicholas."
 Ormiston, Abraham, trunk and 62 articles of clothing.
 Pierce, Miss Estelle S., 7 articles of clothing.
 Pitts, Mrs. L. L., 24 articles of clothing, 1 quilt.
 Rogers, Miss A. P., \$5 for subscriptions to "Dumb Animal."
 Sewing Circle of Milton Unitarian Church, through Mrs. Wood, 10 articles of clothing.
 Slade, Denison R., 3 bags of apples.
 St. John, Miss Jennie, 7 books.
 St. John, Joseph, package of "Youth's Companions."
 Thurber, Mrs. A. S., 52 copies "Youth's Companion," 1 book, 1 copy German magazine.
 Tufts, James W., 1 barrel of oranges.
 Tuttle, Miss M. E., 3 books, 16 copies of magazines.
 Wales, Ernest De Wolfe, 6 bound volumes and 24 copies "Wide Awake."
 Wales, Miss M. A., 2 books and 19 photographs.
 Walker, Mrs. Francis A., 14 books.
 Weld, Mrs. F. M., 7 copies magazines.
 White, Mrs. Charles T., 1 article of clothing.
 Witch Hazel Club, 5 articles of clothing.

PINE FARM.

FROM JAN. 1, THROUGH SEPT. 30, 1894.

Allen, Mrs. Nathaniel T., clothing, shoes.
 Brooks, Mrs. Peter, clothing.
 Cate, S. F., sleighride for boys.
 Channing Church, Newton, Sewing Guild of, clothing.
 Eddy, C. F., & Co., use of horses, Memorial Day.
 Edmands, Mrs. H., clothing.
 Edmands, T. S., for Fourth of July, \$10., pictures.
 Eldredge, Mrs., for instructor in music, \$50.
 Ellis, George H., use of man and horses half a day.
 French, G. W., use of wagon and harness Memorial Day.

Friends, through T. S. Edmands, clothing.
 Grew, Henry S., \$5 for New Park, \$15 for outing for boys.
 Hubbard, C. W., cake and cream, cost of ploughing \$15-75, use of team 3 days for ploughing.
 Loring, Mrs. W. C., for making garments, \$50.
 Morton, Mrs., cake.
 Newton Centre, ladies in, cake.
 Paine, Miss Helen, \$6; for New Park, \$10; doz. badges; flower-seeds, napkin rings.
 Pickering, H. G., ice-cream.
 Tufts, James W., box of oranges.
 Wetherbee, Mrs., Newton Lower Falls, cake.

ROCK LAWN FARM, FOXBOROUGH.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1894.

Boyden, Mrs. B. F., clothing.
 Carpenter, David, flower-seeds.
 Chamberlain, B., \$5.
 Congregational Church, Foxborough, tickets to entertainments at church, with cake.
 Forrest, A. E., balls.
 French, Mrs. K. B., "St. Nicholas."
 Gray, Mrs. Asa, "Our Dumb Animals,"
 "Indian Helper."
 Gray, Mrs. Edwin, papers.
 Hitchcock, Miss Annie, clothing.
 Hitchcock, Messrs., coats, flannels.
 Jackson, Miss A. P., candy, clothing, \$5 for Fourth of July, school-books.

Job, Mrs. Susan, cranberries.
 Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. A., book, \$10 for Fourth of July, \$10 for Thanksgiving.
 Locke, Miss Mary, cloth for overalls.
 Morse, Dr. F. A., clothing.
 Ormsby, Mrs. G. L., books, papers, candy.
 Perkins, Mr. George, confectionery for Christmas.
 Perkins, Misses, pansies.
 Phelps, Mrs. M. N., "Christian Herald," two dozen handkerchiefs.
 Rice, Jerome F., boots, blouses.
 Shaw, Mrs. Ellen, collars.
 Tufts, James W., box of oranges.

Volunteer Book-Reviewers for Home Libraries, for year ending Sept. 30, 1894.

Mrs. James Brown,
 " Eben Dale, Jr.
 Miss Mary Dewey,
 Mrs. Dwight Foster,

Mrs. Patrick T. Jackson,
 Miss Helen Paine,
 " Emily Sever,
 " Amelia W. Stockwell.

Volunteer Visitors of Home Libraries during all or part of year ending Sept. 30, 1894.

F. W. Alexander,
 Miss Emily G. Balch,
 Fred K. Bartlett,
 Miss Gertrude Beals,
 Thomas Tracy Bouvé,
 Miss Emily I. Boardman,
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 " Gertrude Brooks,
 " Martha H. Brooks,
 " Sarah Brooks,
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 Theodore Bullard,
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 " Helen S. Crowninshield,
 Thomas W. Curtis,
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 Perley Doe,
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 Parker B. Field,
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 Miss Gertrude Graves,
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 Miss Antoinette Hayes,
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 " Kate Hobart,
 " Martha Hobart,
 " Elizabeth Holbrook,
 George A. Howe,
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 Oliver E. Hurd,
 Miss Elise Johnson,
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 " Harriet M. Laughlin,
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 " Constance G. Lee,
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 " Cora Mitchell,
 " Emmeline F. Morrill,
 " Olive Morrison,
 Marshal Neil,
 Mrs. William R. Nichols,
 Miss Helen Paine,
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 " Mary E. Peirce,
 William J. Pelo,
 Miss Katharine Phelps,

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 " Edith G. Reed,
 " Mary E. Reynolds,
 " Dolly G. Rice,
 " Helen F. Rice,
 Fred A. Richardson,
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 " Annette S. Smith,
 Arthur W. Tarbell,
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 " Bertha Vaughan.
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Boston Children's Aid Society,

43 CHARITY BUILDING, CHARDON STREET.

Abstract of Reports for the year ending September 30, 1895.

BOSTON, January 1, 1896.

Practically 100,000 persons are arrested annually in Massachusetts; 26,000 are convicted; there is an average number of 7,000 daily in penal institutions. The net cost of prisons, police, and courts is \$2,900,000.—*From Report of Massachusetts Prison Association.*

Nothing will so surely diminish the misery and expense indicated by these facts as wise preventive work such as this Society is doing. It is carried on in five departments:—

1. The Bureau of Admission, Information and Counsel. Here the treatment of new cases and of old ones under reconsideration is decided upon. If possible by help and oversight, children are cared for in their own families; they are passed on to other departments or are referred to proper charitable agencies. 1,078 new cases were received.

2. The Training Farms for wayward boys,—Pine Farm at West Newton, Rock Lawn Farm at Foxboro. 59 boys have begun a better life at these homes.

3. The Placing-out Department. Wayward girls, the graduates of the Training Farms, neglected, exposed and destitute children are placed in carefully chosen families, where they are constantly visited and looked after. If they are too young to earn wages, their parents or guardians are required to pay as much as possible of the expense of boarding them. This department has cared for 355 children.

4. The Graduate and Probation Agency in the city, to take constant and friendly charge of the boys returned from the country, of those placed on probation by the courts, or of those who are friendless. There were 388 of these boys.

5. Home Libraries. Small collections of books are kept in respectable homes in the poorer parts of the city. Children who are members of a library meet their visitor once a week to exchange books, deposit savings, and for social intercourse. There are 66 libraries, with a membership of 627 boys and girls.

The Society takes active part, also, in co-operation with child-helping agencies and in all measures of reform.

The Society has taken charge of 1,313 children during the year ending September 30, 1895.

The total expense was	\$33,202.84
Received from parents and guardians, \$4,929.49	
Received of the Overseers of the Poor, State Aid, and of Charitable Societies, for support of children	5,123.73
Received from sale of farm produce, work of boys, etc.	520.63
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	10,573.85
Net cost to the Society	\$22,628.99
Income from invested funds	3,471.68
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	\$19,157.31

Of this balance \$4,935.76 was made by the exhibition of the Loan Collection of Portraits of Women. \$15,205.21 was contributed by annual subscribers and donors, leaving a balance to begin this year's work.

The Society manages its affairs with the strictest economy, but for want of funds the thing needed to be done can often not be done. In consideration of the payment of past debts by a generous friend, the Society is pledged not to use its capital for expenses or security; \$25,000 must therefore be contributed by those who will help to save children from the evils by which they are surrounded. This will carry on the work for one year, limited as heretofore, there is urgent need for its enlargement.

Checks may be sent to the Assistant Treasurer, Miss E. G. Parker, 191 Commonwealth Avenue.

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**BOSTON CHILDREN'S
AID SOCIETY
1895**

OCTOBER, 1894, to OCTOBER, 1895

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The Directors of the Boston Children's Aid Society desire to put on record an expression of their gratitude to Mr. Edward Jackson for his faithful services as treasurer for twenty-seven years.

His duties were very arduous during the time of the rapid growth of the work, when expenses were constantly increasing and receipts were small; and it was owing, in great measure, to his ability and financial credit that the necessary money was raised.

During this period Mr. Jackson has not only had charge of the finances, but has taken an active interest in the general work and welfare of the Society, of which he still continues, and we hope will long continue, a director.

The Directors of the Boston Children's Aid Society, in sincere sympathy with the family of the late Mrs. E. T. Eldredge, record the expression of their gratitude for her great generosity in gifts, for her interest as director, and especially as a friend to the boys at the Pine Farm School.

Understanding the difficulties and the needs of the lads and of their teachers, she was eager to relieve them. Often in old days did Mr. Washburn go to her for help, and the boys have always been made happier and better by her constant kindness to them.

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., TREASURER, *in account*

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October 1, 1894	\$904.05
Income from invested funds	3,471.68
Annual subscriptions	3,802.00
Donations for general treasury	8,266.20
Special donation to pay Society's debt	4,300.00
Donations for salary	\$1,101.67
Bureau of Information	750.00
Placing-out Agency	800.00
Pine Farm	50.00
Repairs at office	37.34
Home Libraries	115.00
Christmas	133.00
Special children	150.00
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	3,137.01
Earned by boys at Rock Lawn Farm	121.50
Sale of produce at Pine Farm	360.89
Sales of various things at office	38.24
Receipts from loan collection of portraits of women	4,935.76
Received from parents, relatives, or guardian of children	4,908.27
" " girls' wages	21.22
" " Overseers of the Poor	2,177.24
" " Industrial School for Girls	1,250.00
" " State Aid	132.00
" " Soldiers' Relief Fund, Chelsea	121.71
" " Shaw Asylum	61.50
" " charitable societies	1,141.39
" " benevolent individuals	239.89
Gift from Mrs. E. T. Eldredge	10,000.00
Legacy from Arthur Rotch	5,000.00
Mortgage paid	2,500.00
Sale of \$6,000 K. C., M. & B. R.R. Co. bonds	480.00
Borrowed	10,400.00

\$67,770.55

TREASURER.

with THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

EXPENDITURES.

Services of general secretary, first assistant, stenographer, and book-keeper		\$4,759.49
Bureau of Information. — Services of four assistants		2,308.70
Placing-out Agency. — Services of three assistants		1,916.68
Children placed in families	\$10,284.39	
Wayward girls placed in families	1,238.00	
Boys from training farms placed in families	540.08	
Girls at hospital	169.46	
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		12,231.93
Pine Farm. — Salaries	\$2,017.29	
“ “ Expensés	2,416.70	
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		4,433.99
Rock Lawn Farm. — Salaries	\$900.00	
“ “ Expenses	2,036.37	
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		2,936.37
Graduates and Probationers		1,057.61
Home Libraries		890.96
General Expenses. — Travel	\$958.67	
Stationery, postage, printing	509.23	
Express and telegraph	63.56	
Light, heat, and care of office	219.30	
Equipment of office	104.32	
Sundries	62.99	
Annual report	146.76	
Public meeting, repairs at office, and extra help	289.34	
Christmas	136.69	
Office boy	160.25	
Associated charities, for telephone	25.00	
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		2,667.11
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		\$33,202.84
Investment of Mrs. Eldredge's gift in three mortgages		10,077.88
Investment of Arthur Rotch legacy in \$5,000, Fitchburg R.R. 4s		5,090.55
Loans and reinvestments		16,037.70
Balance in hands of treasurer	\$2,292.90	
“ “ assistant treasurer	247.85	
“ “ general secretary	770.83	
“ “ superintendent of Pine Farm	50.00	
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		3,361.58
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		\$67,770.55

I. TUCKER BURR, JR.,
Treasurer.

Nov. 13, 1895.

Examined and found correct.

EDWARD JACKSON, for THEOPHILUS PARSONS, Auditor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

OCT. 1, 1894, THROUGH SEPT. 30, 1895.

A., Miss	\$25.00	Barker, Benj. C.....	\$2.00
A. B. C.	3.00	Barnard, Mrs. George M....	100.00
A. L. B.	5.00	Barnard, Mrs. Mary C. E. ...	1.00
All Souls' Unitarian Church, Roxbury	2.35	Barnard, Miss M. W.	5.00
Allen, Rev. F. B.	3.00	Bartlett, Mrs. Esther A.	2.00
Ames, Mrs. J. B.	20.00	Bartlett, Miss Fanny.....	20.00
Amory, Miss Anna S.....	128.79	Bartlett, Francis	25.00
Amory, C. W.	10.00	Bartlett, Miss M. F.	5.00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.....	25.00	Bauer, Charles T.	2.00
Andrew, Mrs. J. A.....	5.00	Beal, Mrs. J. H.....	8.00
Andrews, Clement W.	3.00	Beal, Thomas P.	5.00
Andrews, Miss M. T.	10.00	Beebe, J. Arthur	20.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G.....	15.00	Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur.....	15.00
Anonymous	19.75	Bement, Mrs. Gerard	10.00
Anonymous	1.25	Bigelow, A. S.	5.00
Anonymous	1.00	Bigelow, Mrs. H.....	5.00
Anonymous	1.00	Bigelow, Mrs. Joseph S.....	10.00
Anonymous	25.00	Bigelow, Miss M. A.....	15.00
Anonymous for Mr. Kings- ley's salary.....	500.00	Bigelow, W. S.	91.86
Anonymous for Mr. Kings- ley's salary, through Miss A. P. Jackson.....	601.67	Billings, Mrs. C. E.....	10.00
Anonymous, through W. H. Pear	4.00	Blake, Mrs. Arthur W.....	152.00
Anonymous, through W. H. Pear	2.00	Blake, Mrs. George Baty	35.00
Appleton, Miss D. E.....	1.00	Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman	5.00
Appleton, Mrs. William.....	25.00	Bloom, William.....	2.00
Apthorp, Harrison O.....	10.00	Bond, Miss Mabel H.	3.00
Arklay, Mrs. Patrick.....	5.00	Boott, Francis	5.00
Armstrong, George E.	5.00	Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00
Ashley, Mrs. W. J.	2.00	Bowditch, Miss Charlotte....	5.00
Atkins, Mrs. Elisha.....	5.00	Bowditch, Henry P.....	2.00
Atkinson, George	10.00	Bowditch, William I.	5.00
A. W. W.	5.00	Bowker, Benjamin C.	2.00
Bailey, Miss Elizabeth H. ...	2.00	Boyden, Mrs. C.	5.00
Baker, Charles F.	3.00	Boyden, Ernest N.	2.00
		Bradford, Miss C. F.	5.00
		Bradlee, Josiah	10.00
		Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	15.00
		Brewer, E. M.	50.00
		Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph	5.00
		Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin	2.00
		Brewster, William	5.00

Brooks, Mrs. Peter C.	\$20.00	Clapp, Clift Rogers.....	\$10.00
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	25.00	Clapp, Miss Mabel D.	50.00
Brown, Mrs. Atherton	2.00	Clark, Mr. and Mrs. B. Preston,	15.00
Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	20.00	Clark, Herbert	2.00
Bryant, Mrs. J. D.....	2.00	Clarke, Mrs. E. C.	20.00
Buck, Mrs. David	5.00	Clarke, Mrs. James Freeman,	5.00
Bullard, A. M.....	2.00	Clarke, Miss L. Freeman....	20.00
Bullard, Stephen.....	5.00	Club, Arlington Together....	10.00
Bullard, Mrs. S. H.....	5.00	Club, Arlington Together, in	
Bullard, Theodore.....	5.00	memory of Harold Park	
Bullard, W. S.	20.00	Bott.....	5.00
Bunker, Alfred	3.00	Club, Clover, Lend a Hand,	
Burnham, John A.....	10.00	Arlington	5.00
Burnham, Mrs. John A.....	25.00	Club, Concord, Dramatic,	
Burnham, Mrs. John A., Jr..	5.00	through Miss Grace B.	
Burr, Heman M., through ..	30.00	Keyes	105.00
Burr, Mrs. Isaac T.....	25.00	Club, Lend a Hand, Lexing-	
		ton.....	25.00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20.00	Club, Look Out, Cambridge.	5.00
Cabot, Edward C.	2.00	Club, Witch Hazel, through	
Cabot, Mrs. Francis	5.00	Miss A. F. Powers.....	66.05
Cabot, John H.	25.00	C. M. C.....	150.00
Cabot, Mrs. J. S.	20.00	Cobb, Henry E.....	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Louis.....	25.00	Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander...	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Richard C.	10.00	Codman, C. R.....	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Walter C.	200.00	Codman, Miss Susan.....	8.00
Calef, B. S.....	2.00	Collamore, Miss.....	10.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry	2.00	Collamore, Miss Helen.....	10.00
Campbell, William R.....	2.00	Cook, Mrs. Jane	5.00
Capen, Samuel B.	10.00	Coolidge, Mrs. D. H.....	10.00
Carlton, A.....	3.00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph..	10.00
Carter, Mrs. William S.....	5.00	Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1.00
Cary, Miss A. P.	10.00	Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.,	10.00
Cary, Mrs. Edward M.....	50.00	Crickets, The, of Cambridge,	
Cary, Miss Georgiana S.....	5.00	through Miss M. L. Drew .	5.00
Case, Mrs. J. B.....	10.00	C. T. H., in memory of	25.00
Cash	5.00	Cummings, Mrs. Charles A...	5.00
Caswell, John	10.00	Cunningham, Mrs. Fred. Jr. .	25.00
C. E.....	10.00	Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P....	20.00
Channing, Miss E. P.	1.00	Curtis, Greely S.	10.00
Channing, Walter	124.00	Cushing, Grafton D.....	10.00
Chapin, H. D.	10.00	Cushing, Livingston	20.00
Chase, William L.	5.00	Cushing, Robert M.	25.00
Chase, Mrs. William L.	5.00	Cutts, Miss L. B.....	5.00
Chatman, Mrs. J. W.	1.00		
Cheever, Dr. David W.	5.00	Dabney, Mrs. L. S.....	5.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W.	25.00	Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P.	2.00	Dana, Mrs. R. H., Jr.....	5.00
Children's Performance of the		Daniels, Mrs. Charles E.	2.00
Golden Goose	6.25	Darling, Neddie and Amy...	2.00

Davis, Mrs. E. L.	\$5.00	Folsom, Miss Amy	\$25.00
De Long, Mrs. E. R.	2.00	Foote, Arthur	2.00
Denny, Miss Mary G.	2.00	Foote, Mrs. Henry W.	5.00
Dewey, Miss Mary E.	1.00	Friend	10.19
Dexter, Mrs. C. W.	5.00	Friend	50.00
Dexter, George	50.00	Friend	2.00
Dexter, Mrs. Morton	5.00	Friends	10.00
Dillingham, Rev. Pitt.	9.00	Friend, through Miss Parsons,	5.00
Ditson, Oliver, Co.	100.00	Friend, through Benj. Pettee.	10.00
Dodge, Mrs. John W.	5.00	Friend, through C. W. B.	1.00
Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F.	7.00	Friends, through Miss Katha-	
Donation	30.00	rine Stetson	6.55
Drake, J. M. E.	5.00	Frothingham, Edward	5.00
Dresel, Mrs. Otto	5.00	Frothingham, Miss Ellen.	25.00
Drummond, Mrs. James	10.00	Fry, Mrs. Charles	25.00
Dunklee, Miss Kate D.	2.00	Fuller, Miss Louise C.	16.80
Dupree, Miss Elizabeth B. ...	2.00		
Dwight, Edmund	10.00	Gannett, Samuel	2.00
E.	10.00	Gardiner, Miss Eugenia.	10.00
Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00	Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. ...	2.00
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Eliot, Mrs. Samuel	10.00	Gill, Aug. H.	2.00
Ellison, Mrs. F. B.	10.00	Glover, Mrs. H. R.	2.00
Emery, Miss Mary S.	2.00	Glover, Joseph B.	50.00
Endicott, Miss Clara T.	10.00	Goddard, George A.	25.00
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Episcopal City Mission, thro'		Graves, Miss Louise B.	2.00
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Evans, Mrs. C. W.	2.00	Gray, Miss Harriet	25.00
Evans, Mrs. Glendower	10.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00
Everett, William	5.00	Green, Charles G.	20.00
		Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00
Faulkner, Chas. W., in mem-		Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5.00
ory of	50.00	Greenough, Charles P.	2.00
Faulkner, Dr. George	20.00	Greenough, Mrs. Wm. W.	5.00
Faxon, John G.	5.00	Greeve, E. W.	2.00
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mond, and Richard.	10.00	Grew, Henry S.	50.00
F. C. W., in memory of.	5.00	Guild, Miss Harriet J.	2.00
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Fitzgerald, Desmond	5.00	Hall, Miss Fannie M.	2.00
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Desmond ...	5.00	Hall, Mrs. Solomon	2.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00	Hall, Wm. F.	2.00
		Hammer, Mrs. E. C.	25.00

Hammond, Mrs. G. W.	\$5.00	Jaques, Miss Helen L.	\$10.00
Harding, Geo. Campbell	5.00	Jaynes, C. P.	25.00
Hart, Albert B.	2.00	Jenkins, Miss Helen.	2.00
Hartley, Mrs. Fred.	20.00	Jewett, Miss S. O.	10.00
Hartwell, Henry W.	2.00	Jordan, Mrs. Helen L.	2.00
Hastings, Mrs. H. P.	2.00		
Hawkes, Miss Cairn D.	2.00	Kehew, Mrs. Wm. Browne ..	5.00
Hay, Dr. Gustavus.	2.00	Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10.00
Haynes, John C.	150.00	Kidder, Henry T.	10.00
Head, Mrs. Charles.	5.00	Kimball, Charles F.	2.00
Heinzen, K. F.	2.00	Kimball, Mrs. David P.	150.00
Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10.00	Kimball, Mrs. L. C.	2.00
H. H.	5.00	King's Chapel Branch of	
H. H.	2.00	Woman's National Alliance,	25.00
Higginson, Mrs. Henry L.	15.00	Kittridge, Mrs. J. C.	2.00
Higginson, J. A.	1.00	Kuhn, Mrs. Hartman.	5.00
Hildreth, Miss Emily E.	20.00		
Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.	5.00	Lamb, Horace A.	50.00
Hinman, Mrs. C. W.	2.00	Lamb, Mrs. Horace A.	100.00
Hoadley, Mrs. Catherine G., and Mrs. M. G. Hoadley		Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan A.	4.00
Mackintosh	2.00	Lawrence, Miss Gertrude S.	1.00
Hollingsworth, Mrs. George.	5.00	Lawrence, Miss Marian	10.00
Hooper, Edward W.	100.00	Lawrence, Rt. Rev. William ..	25.00
Hooper, Mrs. R. C., Jr.	20.00	Lawrence, Mrs. W. R.	5.00
Houghton, Clement S.	25.00	Lawton, Mrs. M. A.	1.00
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Howell, William I.	2.00	Lee, Henry	100.00
Hubbard, Charles Eustis	10.00	Lee, Joseph	30.00
Hubbard, C. W.	50.00	Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	2.00
Hubbard, James M.	5.00	Lincoln, Roland C.	10.00
Hudson, John E.	20.00	Lincoln, W. H.	5.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	7.00	Livermore, T. L.	10.00
Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth A.,	2.00	Livermore, Mrs. R. M.	2.00
Hunnewell, F. W.	25.00	Lodge, Mrs. John E.	10.00
Hunnewell, H. H.	100.00	Longfellow, Miss Alice M.	25.00
Hunnewell, Walter.	25.00	Longfellow, Ernest W.	10.00
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		Loring, Miss K. P.	20.00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	60.00	Loring, the Misses.	15.00
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Jackson, Ernest.	100.00	Loud, Miss Sarah P.	5.00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	10.00	Lovering, Mrs. C. T.	10.00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25.00	Lowell, Augustus.	25.00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5.00	Lowell, G. G.	100.00

Lowell, Miss G.	\$25.00	Nickerson, Howard T.	\$2.00
Lowell, John	10.00	Niles, Mrs. G. E.	5.00
Lowell, Mrs. John	10.00	North, James N.	250.00
Lowell, Miss Lucy	10.00		
Lyman, Miss Annie	10.00	Paine, the Misses	50.00
Lyman, Arthur T.	10.00	Paine, Robert Treat	300.00
Lyman, Mrs. George H.	10.00	Palfrey, Miss	2.00
Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00	Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. .	6.00
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M.	10.00	Parkinson, Mrs. John	25.00
McKendry, Davis	2.00	Parkman, Miss E. W. S.	5.00
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Nichols, Benjamin W.	25.00	Rackerman, C. S.	10.00
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Redfern, B. F.....	\$10.00	Snow, Mrs. F. B.....	\$2.00
Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howells. ..	5.00	Sohier, Miss Elizabeth D.....	10.00
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Russell, Mrs. R. S.....	25.00	Storer, Miss Abby M.....	5.00
		Stratton, Charles E.....	2.00
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Sargent, Mrs. Charles S.....	10.00	Swain, Geo. T.....	2.00
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Sawyer, J. H.....	2.00	Tapley, Miss Alice.....	7.50
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Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.....	100.00	Turner, Mrs. Alfred T.....	5.00
Shaw, Miss Anna B.....	10.00	Turner, Henry A.....	5.00
Shaw, Francis	10.00	Two ladies	5.00
Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland.....	10.00		
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Shaw, Mrs. L. A.....	10.00	Association.....	50.00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.....	100.00		
Sheldon, Miss J. R.....	10.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin....	10.00
Shepard, Mrs. Emily E.....	5.00	Vickery, Dr. and Mrs. H. F..	5.00
Sherburn, Mrs. W.....	1.00		
Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10.00	W., through C. W. B.....	100.00
Simes, William	5.00	Wachter, Charles H.....	2.00
Simpkins, Miss M. W.....	5.00	Wainwright, Miss Rebecca P.,	5.00
Slade, Dr. and Mrs. D. D....	10.00	Wales, George W.....	5.00

Walworth, Mrs. A. C.....	\$5.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	\$50.00
Ware, Mrs. C. E.....	25.00	Wilcox, Mrs. W. H.	5.00
Ware, Miss M. L.	15.00	Wilder & Co.	5.00
Warner, C. H.....	2.00	Willard, Miss Helen.....	7.00
Warren, S. D., estate.....	100.00	Willard, Mrs. Z. A.....	5.00
Warren, Mrs. S. D., Jr.....	25.00	Williams, Mrs. and the Misses,	20.00
Watson, Mrs. C. H.....	1.00	Williams, Miss Louise H. ...	50.00
Weeks, Mrs. A. G.	5.00	Williams, Talcott.....	.25
Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00	Williams, William C.	2.00
Weld, Mrs. A. Davis.....	5.00	Wilson, W. P.	3.00
Weld, George W.	5.00	Winslow, W. T.....	5.00
Weld, Mrs. M. W.....	2.00	Winsor, Miss Amy T.	1.00
Wheaton, Mrs. E. B.....	10.00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. Huntington.	200.00
Wheeler, Miss Sarah M.	2.00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger.....	30.00
Wheelwright, Mrs. Geo. W...	5.00	Wood, Henry.....	2.00
White, Mrs. C. T.	5.00	Worcester, John	10.00
White, Joseph H.	5.00	Worcester, Miss M. C.	3.00
White, Mrs. Joseph H.....	5.00	Women's Bible Class of	
Whitman, Mrs. Bernard, thro',	6.00	Trinity Church	10.00
Whitman, Edmund A.	10.00	Woodman, Miss Mary	20.00
Whitman, Henry.....	10.00	W. W. R., Mrs.....	10.00
Whitman, Mrs. Henry	50.00	W. T. S., Mrs.....	2.00
Whitney, Edward	20.00		
Whitney, Edward F.....	25.00	X. C.....	2.00
Whitney, George.....	5.00		
Whitney, Pousland & Co. ...	2.00	Yerxa, S. B.....	6.00
Whittemore, Miss Maria M. .	3.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.....	25.00
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Wigglesworth, George.....	100.00		

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

For the Year ending September 30, 1895.

- Adams, Luther, box of papers and magazines.
Almy, Mrs. Chas., 1 dress, 2 cloaks.
Appleton, Mrs. Francis H., 1 dress, 1 cloak.
Bailey, Mrs. Minnie G., 35 articles of clothing.
Boston Sewing Circle, 54 articles of clothing.
Boston Home for Incurables, children in, through Miss Helen Gordon, 5 books,
7 articles of clothing, 7 toys, Christmas cards.
Cabot, Miss Elise, 9 articles of clothing.
Cane, Mrs. J. E., 2 packages of "The Youth's Companion."
Carter, Mr. and Mrs. C. M., box of trimmed hats.
Carter, W. W., 2 books.
Channing Circle, Arlington-street Church, through Mrs. Chas. T. White, 4 dresses,
46 articles of clothing.
Church of the Unity, 68 copies of "The Youth's Companion."
Church of the Unity, Neponset, package of "The Youth's Companion."
Clark, Mrs. Lyman J., 5 articles of clothing.
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., 16 books, package of magazines and papers.
Dumfee, Mrs. N. F., 4 articles of clothing.
Friend, 6 articles of clothing.
Green, W. R., package of "New England Magazine."
Hartley, Mrs. Fred, box of clothing for special children.
Hill, Mrs. A. S., 22 books, 6 games, 1 doll, 1 doll's toilet-set, 4 articles of clothing.
Hinckley, Mrs. T. F., 19 articles of clothing, 12 Christmas gifts, 18 new articles of
clothing.
Jackson, Miss A. P., \$1.00 for subscription to "Our Dumb Animals."
Jones, Miss Sadie, 2 boxes of candy, 5 toys.
Kershaw, Mrs. A. M., 5 articles of clothing.
Klous, Mrs. H. D., 34 articles of clothing, toys, scrap-book, etc., one year's "Ladies'
Home Journal."
Loring, Mrs. W. C., \$5.00 for subscriptions to "Our Dumb Animals."
Needlework Guild of America, Jamaica Plain branch, through Mrs. W. B. Kehew,
287 articles of clothing.
Peabody, Prof. F. G., 11 articles of clothing.
Pearson, Miss Adelaide, 30 books, 31 magazines.
Pitts, Mrs. L. L., 34 articles of clothing.
Putnam, Miss Lucy Abbott, 11 books.
Rollins, Mrs., 282 copies of "The Youth's Companion."
Stevens, Miss Alice B., 1 boy's suit.

St. John, Joseph, package of "The Youth's Companion."
 "Together Club," Arlington, through Mrs. John C. Hardy, Pres., 6 books, package
 of "The Youth's Companion."
 Unitarian Sewing Circle, through Miss Joanna Rotch, 13 articles of clothing.
 Ware, Miss Mary L., 52 books, book-case, ink-stand, pen-wiper, catalogue, ruler,
 slips, etc.
 Westgate, Miss A. B., package of "The Youth's Companion."
 White, Mrs. Alice, 5 articles of clothing.
 White, Mrs. M., package of picture cards.
 Young, Mrs., 1 pair of wristers.
 Y. Y. Sewing Circle, through Mrs. W. S. Fitz, 40 articles of clothing.

PINE FARM.

For the Year ending September 30, 1895.

Andrews, Miss, games.
 Armstrong, G. W., Thanksgiving and Fourth of July dinners.
 Associated Charities, Newtonville, 2 boxes of candy.
 Bailey, Mrs. Henry, Newton Centre, clothing and magazines.
 Bailey, J. T., paint for flag-staff.
 Barnard, Mrs. George M., \$25 for rubber boots.
 Brooks, Mrs. Peter C., several boxes of clothing, boots, and shoes.
 Brooks & Co., Walter C., remnants of cloth.
 Carter, Mrs. Philip W., tickets to rehearsal of "Patience."
 Cate, C. F., sleigh-ride for boys, and use of chairs.
 Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander, clothing.
 Cushman, John T., West Newton, street-lamp.
 Cutting, Mr., West Newton, clothing.
 Davis, Mrs., tricycle.
 Denny's, Miss, Sunday-school Class, \$2 for Washington's Birthday.
 Dix, George, 50 tomato plants and box of lettuce.
 Dunham, W. K., 30 lbs. turkey for Christmas.
 Edmands, Mrs. H., clothing.
 Edmands, T. S., boat.
 Eldredge, Mrs. E. T., 25 tickets for concert at Newton.
 Eldredge, Mrs. E. T., \$5 for car-fare and books for boys.
 Ellis, George H., use of man and horses to take boys to Concord.
 Felton, Arthur, clothing.
 Fisk & Co., J. A., rope and pulley for flag-staff.
 Friend, Newton, \$1 for Christmas.
 Frost, Mr., 2 bushels of apples.
 Gethsemane Commandery, Newtonville, ham, chicken, bread.
 Gilman, John A., double-runner and pair of skates.
 Glover, W. E., gallon of oysters for Christmas.
 Good Templars of West Newton, 2 cans of cocoa, bread, and meat.
 Graves, Mrs. A., West Newton, turkey.
 Grew, Henry S., \$15 for boys' outing.
 Hall, W. A., Newtonville, clothing and shoes.
 Hubbard, C. W., 5 cords of wood, ice-cream, and cake.
 Keegan, S. D., irons for hanging street-lamp and flag-staff.

Ladies, Newton Centre, cake.
 Lawrence, Mrs., magazines.
 Loring, Mrs. W. C., portrait of Charles W. Scudder.
 Morton, Mrs., cake and flowers.
 Neilson, Mrs., flowers, clothing, and shoes.
 Newton Cemetery, 2 crates of flowers.
 Paine, Miss Helen, \$5 for ice-cream, flower-seeds.
 Patrick, Rev. H. J., books.
 Pettes, Miss Helen, 3 pictures and talk to boys on modern methods of illustration.
 Pickering, H. G., ice-cream.
 Pickering, H. W., large second-hand carpet.
 R. F. Sewing Circle (Miss E. M. Iasigi), 51 night-shirts.
 Sears, Miss E. E., \$25 for Christmas.
 Shepard, Mrs. H. E., West Newton, clothing.
 Slade, Mrs. D. D., books and games, \$2 for table-cloths.
 Slade, Miss, clothing.
 Trinity Church Industrial Society, clothing.
 Wellington, H. B., clothing.
 Woodbury, H. E., box of oranges and 25 lbs. of candy for Christmas.
 Wright & Ditson, lawn-tennis net.

ROCK LAWN FARM, FOXBOROUGH.

For the Year ending September 30, 1895.

Battelle, Eugene, box of cloth and papers.
 Boyden, Mrs. B. F., book and 3 flannel shirts.
 Dwight, Miss, and Miss Jewett, confectionery.
 French, Mrs. K. B., 2 boxes candy and "St. Nicholas."
 Gray, Mrs. Asa, "Our Dumb Animals," "Indian Helper."
 Gray, Mrs. L. E., papers.
 Gray, Mrs. Robert S., package of "Our Young People."
 Hartshorn, Mrs. F. E., clothing.
 Jackson, Miss Anna P., \$5.00 for Thanksgiving, \$5.00 for Fourth of July, candy, and clothing.
 Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. A., \$10.00 for Thanksgiving, \$10.00 for Fourth of July, books and papers, school books.
 Loring, Miss K. P., pair of rubber boots and book.
 Phelps, Mrs. M. N., 22 pairs of mittens, papers.
 Pooley, Mrs., clothing.
 Richards, Mrs., overcoat, 3 pairs of shoes.

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1865.

SECTION I. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin. . . .

ARTICLE I. OF THE BY-LAWS — *Membership*:

"The Corporation shall consist, besides those named in the Act of Incorporation, of all persons who shall have been Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Clerks, or Treasurers thereof; of such persons as shall give to the Corporation at any one time twenty-five dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of twenty-five dollars or upwards; and of such persons as shall be elected members by the Directors, by ballot, at any stated meeting of the board."

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of
dollars to be applied to the uses of
said corporation.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO MISS
ELLEN G. PARKER, 191 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON.

CENSUS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE SOCIETY, OCT. 1, 1896.

Placed out in families	241	} Under direct and responsi- ble charge .	655
In Rock Lawn Farm	21		
In their own homes	258		
Otherwise placed	12		
In institutions	38		
Still pending in Bureau of Informa- tion	85		
In Home Libraries	608
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<i>Total number, Oct. 1, 1896</i>	.	.	1263
Received by Bureau of Information during the year be- sides those above mentioned	1150
Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on Oct. 1, 1896	260
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			1410
<i>The total number in charge during the year ending Oct. 1, 1896</i>	.	.	2673

METHODS IN BRIEF.

THE Society investigates cases of exposed, destitute, and wayward children ; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit ; studies questions relating to children ; records experience ; promotes needed legislation ; encourages coöperation among child-helping agencies.

THE BUREAU OF ADMISSION, INFORMATION, AND COUNSEL investigates each case submitted to it ; decides what action is desirable ; keeps full records. Methods of aid are : 1st, Information and advice ; 2d, Reference to other agencies ; 3d, Various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

THE PLACING OUT AGENCY finds boarding and free homes in private families, chiefly in the country, for destitute and neglected children and young wayward girls, also for wayward boys from the training farm of the Society. Careful supervision is maintained. Relatives pay according to ability, and the Overseers of the Poor and other charitable agencies pay full cost.

TWO TRAINING FARMS, PINE FARM AND ROCK LAWN FARM, have received boys distinctly wayward, — truant, runaway, dishonest, unmanageable, etc., — as a rule under 14 years of age, and trained them before placing in families. Rock Lawn Farm receives 25 boys. Pine Farm has been closed. Parents pay, if able.

THE GRADUATE AND PROBATION AGENCY. — A young man is employed to visit and befriend "graduates," or boys formerly wayward who have been through the training farms and placing out agency and returned to the city ; "probationers," or boys under 17, arrested and placed on probation in our charge ; truants and friendless boys.

HOME LIBRARIES are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living-room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements, and penny savings, and to foster a wholesome, thrifty, and happy home life.

BUREAU OF ADMISSION, INFORMATION, AND COUNSEL.

Committee : Miss Rogers, Mrs. Cabot, Mrs. Staigg.

Agents : Mrs. Francis, Miss Murray, Miss Sanborn, Mr. Kingsley.

One thousand two hundred and thirty-six applications made during the year, and ninety-four pending at beginning of the year, making a total of

1330

Children who were dealt with by this Bureau
as follows :

Oversight at home by this Bureau		1
Referred to Placing Out Agency	Of	86
Sent to Training Farms (Pine Farm and Rock Lawn Farm)	Children's	15
Referred to Probation Agency	Aid	54
" " Committee on Wayward Girls for oversight at home	Society.	2
" " Home Libraries		4
" " other agencies		364
Advised by this Bureau		566
Withdrawn by applicants or otherwise disposed of		153
Pending at end of year		85
		<hr/> 1330

All applications in the interests of children, without limit of age, sex or creed, are received by this Bureau. Its purpose is to give information and counsel, and to admit to other departments of the Society those children who need its more permanent care. We try to meet all applicants in the attitude of seekers with them, for a wise way out of their difficulties. We become more convinced each year of the great variety of persons who through ignorance, misfortune, or pressure of daily work, fully as much as through any fault of their own, are unable to solve the complicated problems involved in the management of their children without friendly help ; but who, with such help, can and do solve them. Our agents (three women and one man) have not only a natural fitness for work among children, but have gained experience through years of careful training. It is their duty to obtain exact information as to the limits and methods of such agencies, public and private, as may possibly prove of use, to know the laws relating to children, and, in fact, to prepare themselves to meet every kind of emergency in a child's life.

Every case presents some new feature ; no two are alike, and only such a system of constant experimenting and failing and succeeding and a willingness to seek a new plan when the first one fails, can afford

the cumulative knowledge that will gradually make one wise enough to meet the serious questions which arise in regard to these uncontrolled and unprotected children.

Each child has assigned to it a special agent, who strives to find some solution of its difficulty. She presses her own resources to the utmost, but falls back upon the wider knowledge and larger experience of the General Secretary in exceptionally difficult questions and in all cases involving expense to the Society.

The work of this Bureau has proved its use. The number of applications made during the year is larger than ever before, and this fact as well as the greater variety and larger range of the sources from which they come and the new societies and individuals who appeal to us for advice, show that we are filling a definite need in the community. Certain Day Nurseries have referred to us those cases which they are forced to refuse. Truant officers and judges, hospitals, institutions, and churches have sent us children, and, more striking than all, in proving the use of a general agency, a number of ignorant and pathetic people who drift to Charity Building with a vague sense that help can be found there, are daily landed in our office.

We note the increasing numbers with less regret because the character of the applications shows that they stand for real needs which we intend to make a serious attempt to meet, based on the merits of each case and with the least possible resort to institutions or any other artificial expedients.

The burden of the interests and miseries of one thousand three hundred and thirty children has been pressed upon our agents this year. Their first interview with a child or guardian is usually held at the office, but they often pursue inquiries in the homes of the applicants and follow up clues of all sorts which are likely to give needed information. The first presentation of a case may throw little light upon the course to be pursued, but by degrees new facts develop, new knowledge of relatives and home surroundings and family finances is gained, the applicant often begins to take on a different attitude of mind, and the way clears toward some solution of the difficulty. Sometimes a decision may be made quickly, as when a girl, in great distress, comes to give her baby away, thinking she cannot support it, though longing to do so, and is put in the way of finding a place where she can work with the baby. Sometimes it may mean days and weeks of work and waiting, of letter-writing, and consultations of all sorts.

Our agents, in pursuance of their work, frequently go to court with

or for the children, appear as witnesses, and obtain guardianships; and one agent attends the regular weekly meetings of the truant officers where cases of truants are reported and discussed.

Of the one thousand three hundred and thirty applications we have admitted one hundred and sixty-one children to the care of the Society in its other departments, and nine hundred and thirty-one have been provided for by this Bureau, while a number of names have been withdrawn and some cases are still unsettled.

For all these children an equal effort has been made to try all plans which would tend to maintain family ties, and to press all agencies adapted to the special need before admitting the child to the continued care of our own Society in one of its departments. When the child has been admitted, we have made great efforts to induce the relatives or friends to pay for board and clothing, and have collected in this way this year the sum of \$4,166.76.

We believe this method to be one by which a general agency proves itself a valuable economy to the community.

The nine hundred and thirty-one cases provided for by this department are as various as human needs. They cannot be classified. We can only suggest them when we say that there have been many cases where, for instance, a mother has decided to keep her baby, where a father has been induced to go to work and support his family, or a mother who was utterly discouraged has, after a full discussion of her troubles, taken up her burden again with renewed hope. All sorts of difficulties have been unravelled, all sorts of questions answered.

We have sent to other agencies the cases that properly belonged to them; for instance, forty-two children were sent to State and City departments and Overseers of the Poor; one hundred and forty-seven to the Associated Charities of seven different cities and towns; twenty-four to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children; a number to various Catholic, Jewish, and other private societies, special institutions, sanitariums, hospitals; and sixty-four to two ladies who devote themselves to the care of mothers and infants. We have made arrangements with the Overseers of the Poor of seven different towns for the payment of the board of twenty-seven children in our Placing Out Agency, and have received from them \$2,719.66 for this purpose.

Owing to the restrictions placed upon us this year by want of funds we have been unable to receive a number of children into our Placing Out Agency who much needed the care of our Society, and have unwillingly made other arrangements for them. Under the same pressure we

have even questioned the possibility of carrying on that part of our work which relates to children under two years of age, but in conference with a group of agencies especially interested (the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, Gwynne Home, Children's Mission and Charity for Destitute Mothers and Infants) the need for its continuance became so evident that they cordially combined to contribute \$435 toward its support, and we now make stated reports to them in regard to it.

It is difficult to define the many ways in which the work of a special department depends upon and is bound up with that of the general staff; but our four agents, while they bear their own responsibilities and battle with their own problems, are parts of a whole, and their connection with it must be regulated and maintained through a central authority.

The Bookkeeper must keep the accounts of the many different children, note the details of all our plans for collections, and keep exact account of all changes in them. The Stenographer is in constant requisition for correspondence and to "write up" cases. The Assistant Secretary is always at hand with counsel and suggestion for the agents in the prosecution of their work; and the General Secretary is the ultimate appeal in difficulties of all sorts, in nice decisions, and in final judgments. He keeps the run of the work, divides it justly, watches the workers, studies the cases, notes the new questions arising out of them from a point of view outside that of any special department, and considers a hundred points which cannot be wisely met except by the person who knows the whole situation, and the proper decision of which keeps up a general standard of excellence throughout the whole Society.

We have only given a sketch of the work which fills the hearts and thoughts of many people. We hope we have suggested far more than we have said, for we truly believe that these wise and devoted men and women are sending out the sort of influence that spreads and grows and cannot be gathered up into the report of this day or this year.

THE FOLLOWING CASES ILLUSTRATE THE WORK OF THIS BUREAU:

In June two little Italian boys came to the office hand in hand. The older, A, fourteen, filled with a sense of his responsibilities, said, "I made up my mind this fellow has got to go away, and you see I wouldn't want to chuck 'im down to the Sent to
Rock Lawn
Farm.

island, and so I came to see if you'd take 'im." He added, "He is a pretty bad boy," and will not go to school "unless I lug 'im in bodily," and "the Lord only knows what he would do if I leave him alone."

It appeared that he had known a boy who went to Pine Farm, "who was pretty bad when he went down, and pretty good when he came up." So he said, "I thought it would be a good place for this fellow." He had somewhere seen Mr. Lawrence, and had been from place to place with B, asking for "Mr. Lawrence who ran Pine Farm." At the police station he was directed to our office. Mr. Kingsley talked with him; went to his home and found mother dead and boys and father living together in a miserable little room behind the father's barber shop. A was self-appointed housekeeper and manager. He looked after B, and often hunted the streets in the evenings for him when he ran away. One day Mr. Kingsley found he had built a little house of old boards in a corner of the room to shut B in when he himself went out.

The boys parted with tears and kisses in our office, and B went to Rock Lawn Farm last spring. His pinched, pathetic look has now all gone, he is smiling and rosy, bright in school, gives no trouble, and is very contented. A goes to see him, and on one occasion, fearing he was homesick, tried to hire a boy to tempt him to run away, but B entirely refused to do so.

Placed out.
Board paid
by Overseers.

An Italian girl, 10 years old, only a year in this country. Her mother came earlier and married here, then sent for child. Miss Sanborn found that the step-father is a rough man, unkind to her. She goes to school, but has wandered about the streets and markets among the low Italians. At last she stole, and there is evidence that she has been criminally abused. Ladies at North End Union became interested. A doctor (an expert) has seen her and thinks her slightly feeble-minded. The Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded is overcrowded and cannot take her. She is now placed in an excellent Catholic home in the country, and Overseers of Poor of Boston are paying board from Boylston fund.

Frauds
exposed.

A gentleman brought to office a boy of 16, apparently lame, who was begging by means of a card presenting "The Cripple's Appeal" in verse. Leg was drawn up, boot had thick sole, and boy carried a cane. Mr. Kingsley was soon satisfied that

lameness was feigned and detained boy till inspector arrived from police headquarters. To the latter, boy acknowledged the fraud and told of a gang of five men and boys who were making their living in same way, feigning injuries or producing them voluntarily by application of lime, etc. Boy ran away from Buffalo last June, met "Brooklyn Billy" in New York, who paid him \$3 a week to carry his bag, and taught him to pretend lameness. Boy said he never made less than \$2.50 per day; sometimes \$7. Mr. Kingsley, through charity organization society in Buffalo, found boy's parents. Father a freight conductor, able to give him a good home, but did not wish his return home, and mother agreed that he should have punishment. Boy was visited by our agent while awaiting sentence in Charles Street jail. Five men arrested in Fayette Street, four more at North End. Boy was sent to Concord Reformatory on a minimum sentence of eight months. He was first sent into the hospital to recuperate, on his arrival at Reformatory. Grateful letter from mother to Mr. Kingsley.

Three children of a Swede, widower, quite unable to provide for them at home, but able to pay partial board. Placed out. Oldest placed for low wages, two younger boarded by Placing Out Agency.

Baby of 4 weeks; mother in Massachusetts Hospital. Aunt cannot take it, as she already has taken the five other children. Placed out at expense of Hebrew Society. Mrs. Francis arranged that Hebrew Society should pay for board, clothing, and supervision. Placing Out Agency found boarding-place.

Girl of 10 years reported to Society as playing truant. Her complaints of illness led to careful examination, and her eyes were found to be very defective; glasses were fitted, and she was returned to school. Mrs. Francis gave much time and work to this child; visited school, and talked with teachers; saw doctor and parents, and advised with truant officers. Advised effectively.

A grandmother applied for adoption for the illegitimate baby of her sixteen-year old daughter. She seemed determined to give up all care of the child; the young mother was perfectly indifferent. The grandmother was persuaded with much difficulty, by Miss Murray, to pay board until baby should be two years old. At first she could pay little, and in August, 1895, owed the Society \$67, the child being then a year old. In Responsibility of relations insisted on.

November, however, she had paid the full indebtedness with a small amount in advance. The mother and grandmother were working together, and the baby thriving in the country under the care of our Placing Out Agency.

Advised.
Returned to
family.

The child (3 months old) of a young woman who represented herself as having been married in Chicago, and deserted in New Jersey. She was supporting herself and baby on \$4 per week, earned in working for clothing-dealer; was worn out, and asked for temporary boarding-place for baby. It was found that she had a mother in Vermont, but was ashamed to appeal to her. Miss Murray persuaded her to allow a letter to be sent, the result being that her mother was glad to receive her, and she was sent home.

Advised.
Truant sent
back to
school.

A pretty Swedish woman came to ask what could be done with her very naughty little boy of 8 years. He could not be managed, was running on streets and playing truant. Mrs. Francis talked long with boy and mother, and discovered that boy had a slight impediment in his speech. Child told her that the boys laughed at him at school, that he did not like it, and would not bear it. It turned out that no one had noticed this. Mrs. Francis saw head teacher and child's teacher, and explained difficulty. No more laughing was allowed, and a "truant" was reformed.

Advised in-
effectively.

Mother in Lowell wanting to give away her illegitimate baby. Mistress applies for advice, and is told to encourage mother to keep it. Mother takes matter into her own hands and gives child away.

Advised,
and mother
keeps baby.

Married woman, living apart from husband, wants to give away illegitimate baby for adoption. Miss Murray talks much with her, makes plans for her, and induces her to keep it. The Society is the means of father's arrest and the collection of a weekly payment of \$3.25 from him until a stipulated sum is reached. Mother takes a place in a family with baby, and writes later to Miss Murray: "There isn't anything that could seem to part baby boy from me now."

Advised.
Family ties
strengthened.

Mother brought to Boston from Russia by brother-in-law, seven months before her child (presumably illegitimate) was born. Wanted to give baby away, and friends tried hard to accomplish it. Miss Murray insisted that no society ought to relieve her of this responsibility, and that she could do nothing.

An inquiry a month later elicited the reply: "She is taking care of the child and is herself in a family. No institution will take it. She is obliged to keep it; what else can she do?"

VARIETY OF APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ONE AGENT IN ONE DAY.

March 28, 1895.

1. For financial help to a mother for a blind boy suffering from tumor on brain. Discharged from three hospitals and refused at Hospital for Incurables.

2. Inquiry as to proper price of an artificial palate for a poor girl by a Director who had been asked by a lady to help raise \$150 for the purpose.

3. Report came through a little girl boarded by us of immoral conduct of a boy relation which led to knowledge of the corruption of a group of boys under his influence.

4. Request from a mother for a boarding-place for her delicate child.

5. Lady interested in a day nursery asks that four children of a widower be admitted to a home.

6. Church visitors ask help in dealing with a young girl.

364

Children were referred to other agencies, as follows :

Charity for Destitute Mothers and Infants	64
Massachusetts Infant Asylum	7
Associated Charities, Boston	100
" " Cambridge	31
" " Somerville	6
" " Lynn	6
" " Newton	1
" " Salem	2
" " Brockton	1
Overseers of the Poor, Boston	25
" " " Cambridge	1
Commissioner of Public Institutions	2
State Board of Lunacy and Charity	14
Industrial Aid Society, Malden	4
" " " Boston	22
Mass. S. P. C. C.	24
Dorchester Industrial School	1
Children's Mission	2
Kindergarten for the Blind	1
St. Vincent de Paul Society	4
Federation of Jewish Charities	16
House of the Good Samaritan	1
Mt. Hope Home	1
Gwynne Home	1
Female Asylum	1
Liversidge Institute	1
Shaw Asylum	1
Thompson's Island Farm School	1
Police Inspectors	1
Kurn Hattin Home	3
Ruggles Street Church	1
Plummer Farm School	1
Summer Hospital	3
Floating Hospital	1
Country week	3
West End Nursery and Hospital	1
Day nurseries	7
Children's Island Sanitarium	1
Jamaica Plain Friendly Society	1
Total	364

PLACING OUT AGENCY.

Committee : Miss Curtis, Miss M. C. Rogers, Miss Jackson.

Agents : Miss Prescott, Miss Freeman, Miss Durham, Mr. Stone.

DESTITUTE AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

Children in families at beginning of the year :

In boarding-homes	83	
In free homes	48	
In homes with wages	29	
Pending or otherwise placed	13	
	—	173
Placed during the year		65
		—
Total in charge		238
Returned to relatives	58	
Transferred or discharged	20	
	—	78
		—
Number in charge at close of year		160
In boarding-homes	79	
In free homes	51	
In homes with wages	21	
Pending or otherwise placed	9	

Two women are in charge of this department, with some assistance from a man, who divides his time between the two branches of the Placing Out Agency. They have had 238 children in their care this year, the younger ones being boarded in families at \$2 a week (\$2.50 when under a year old), while older boys and girls are placed in country homes where they receive board and clothing, or wages, in return for their work. Full schooling is required for children under fourteen, and as much as possible for those over school age; careful records are kept of each child, its character, treatment, and general history.

To take a child from a poor home, or no home, in the city, to place it in a good country family where it will receive kind care, home training, and good food and clothing, seems such a natural and pleasant thing to do that one is apt to overlook the caution and constant vigilance such work demands, if it is to be of real benefit to the child. The first requisites are a thorough investigation of families, immediate rejection of doubtful ones, and keeping approved ones on trial until it is seen which of them supply the best surroundings and training. Supervision comes next in order, by visiting, correspondence, and every means that may keep the visitor informed, and establish a cordial and

frank relationship between the visitor, the child and the family. When these necessities are accomplished, a large field still remains for study and careful work, particularly with the older boys and girls whose characters are changing and developing, sometimes for the worse. Boarded children must be transferred to free places when of a suitable age, older ones to homes with wages, and many because the first place is not "a fit," or because of some change in the family circumstances. There are abnormal children requiring special treatment, sickly ones to be watched over, and the hard task of strengthening the will and character weakened by inheritance or bad surroundings, and of creating a taste for rational amusements and occupations. Especially is this true now, as we are receiving a larger proportion of difficult and out-of-the-way children than ever before.

Church and school relations help to supply amusement, and we find the latter particularly important with girls, for a girl whose school-days end when the law allows, passes at once into young womanhood, enjoys less of girl companionship and girl pleasures, and is in danger of finding her round of life narrow and uninteresting.

Whenever it is possible, parents visit their children and contribute towards their clothing and support. Three thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars and thirteen cents were paid this year by parents, guardians, and other relatives.

Overseers of the Poor of Boston and neighboring cities place children in our charge, paying full cost of maintenance and supervision. We have twenty such children; also three girls who are being paid for by the Dorchester Industrial School for Girls. We give written reports of these children every three months.

Some of our children are placed during a temporary need, — such as sickness or desertion of parents, etc., — and are returned to their homes after a few weeks or months; others remain till they are grown up. Two little boys who were boarded temporarily for an institution were very unwilling to go back, and said they thought when boys were put in a home they ought to stay there; others have asked to be placed again after some weeks at home.

Seven of the boys and girls discharged this year have good positions in stores or at housework; four other boys are learning trades; two girls are happily married, and another has just entered the Normal School. These children have acquired the habit of work under our care, all but one having been in our charge from three to six years, and their good start in life seems to show that the faithful work of visitors and families has not been in vain.

WAYWARD GIRLS.

Committee: Mrs. Loring, Miss Paine, Miss Parker.

Total in charge, Oct. 1, 1895	16	
Added during the year	2	
	—	18
Died		1
		—
Total in charge, Oct. 1, 1896		17
Much improved	4	
Improved	7	
About the same	3	
More wayward	3	
	—	17

This committee takes charge of about one-half of the wayward girls ; the others are looked after by the Placing Out Department. Two new cases have come to us in the last twelve months.

Early in the year one of the girls in our charge died of consumption. One of the two new ones was sent to the Industrial School at Lancaster. This left seventeen to be looked after by the three members of the committee, with five volunteer assistants.

In stating the result of the year's work we divide the girls into four classes, namely : Those who are good or very much improved, they are four in number ; those who have shown improvement, seven ; those who are about the same as last year, three ; those who have grown more wayward, three. Board is being paid for five ; all of the others are in free homes, or are getting wages. Several of them are over eighteen, but we keep the girls in our care as long as they are willing to remain in it. Two of the girls whom last year we thought good have been giving us great anxiety. One of them, only sixteen years old, has disappeared from the home in which she had been for two years, and we have not been able to find her. She left a note expressing her thanks for all that had been done for her, and saying that she was tired of housework. The other two very wayward girls have been trials to us for years, both are grown up ; one is in the hospital at Long Island, the other ran away from a good country home last May, and has not been found. But even the apparently hopeless cases do not always prove to be such. A girl of eighteen whom we could not find at the time of making our last report has voluntarily returned to our care ; having been corrected one day by her visitor she moved away, and no clue to her could be found until some six months later, when she returned to a home which we

had found for her several years before, and then she wrote to her visitor. She has again gone out to work, and is doing well.

The change that some of the country people can bring about while the girls are with them is almost a marvel ; it gives one an insight into the characters of these plain but fine New England women, many of whom take the girls because they need the money, but they give to the girls something that money cannot buy.

Letters came this summer from one of our old girls who was travelling with her husband in England and Wales ; from another in Alabama, who describes her house "with a large hall running through with two rooms on each side." She says, "I am proud of my children ; they are bright, and a great comfort." Again she writes, "The children never tire of hearing about . . . [the visitor] ; they love her as much as their mother does."

The volunteer visitors interest themselves deeply in their respective girls, and in one case the volunteer has become such a good friend to a whole family that we believe her visits to them have prevented a younger sister, who was inclined to be wayward, from becoming so. There are weak spots in volunteer work, such as the inability for a volunteer to be always at hand, and her lack of experience ; but if there is a paid visitor to whom the committee and their volunteer helpers can turn for counsel and for action, we believe that their work for wayward girls would be of the best sort.

PINE FARM.

A Preparatory Training School for Wayward Boys at West Newton.

Committee : Mr. Parsons, Mrs. Loring, Miss Paine, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Pickering.

Agents : Mr. and Mrs. James T. Maynard.

Oct. 1, 1895, to May 6, 1896, inclusive.

Number at beginning of year	17
Admitted	7
Returned from families	2
Placed in families	18
Discharged to relatives or otherwise	4
Transferred to Rock Lawn Farm	4

This is the last Pine Farm report, as the school was closed in May, the property being now leased for a sum which will pay the taxes until such time as it can be sold to advantage. For the seven months, Oct. 1, 1895, to May 6, 1896, the work went on as before, boys came who were very wayward, and under Mrs. Maynard's loving, gentle influence

and Mr. Maynard's firm, wise guidance rapidly turned into average boys, interested in all the varied ideas which were amply supplied to them, and especially filled with ambition to do their part in the world as good citizens. Preparatory to closing, some of the boys were placed on farms and others sent to the other Training Farm of the Society. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard had charge of the closing of the house and farm, selling some things and sending to our farm at Foxborough whatever would be of use there. The Society owes them hearty thanks for the skill and faithfulness with which they accomplished this laborious task.

The committee feels that the Pine Farm School was nearly an ideal one for the boys who were sent there, and that it is emphatically a loss to the work of the Society that it is given up. We hope at a future day to give our friends a fuller account of the school since its beginning thirty-two years ago.

Of the reasons for closing the school the following have been controlling with the Society: the necessity of a change of location, its nearness to a growing city and the electric cars rendering it almost untenable for the purposes of a farm and school; the expense incidental to all work of a reformatory nature and the desirability of reducing our expenditures as far as we properly might by a consolidation with the Foxboro' School; the fact of the opening of the admirable new State Home at Berlin providing for the younger boys of this very class; the city plan for dealing with truants at the new Parental School; these considerations, together with the added preventive work of our Probation Department, the increased facilities of the Roman Catholic school at West Newton, and the better knowledge and improved methods of other well-organized forms of this work, largely justifying the experiment of closing Pine Farm.

ROCK LAWN FARM.

*A Training Farm for 25 Wayward Boys, at Foxborough, Mass.**Committee: Mrs. Lamb, Miss Jackson, Mr. Lamb.**Superintendent and Matron: Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Morse.*

Number of boys Oct. 1, 1895	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Admitted during the year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Returned and re-admitted	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
									—
								Total in charge	34
Placed in families	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Discharged to relatives	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
									—
									13
Remaining Oct. 1, 1896	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Average daily number	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22

Ten years have elapsed since Rock Lawn Farm was first established as a Training Farm for younger boys. It has now become our only one, as Pine Farm was closed last May.

During this decade 141 boys have had the advantage of a rare home discipline and influence under the admirable and truly parental care of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, who carry on their work with untiring and heart-felt interest, and the results have been all that could be desired.

The average stay of the boys in the Home before they were placed out during this year, has been one year and eight months. One obstinate case of dishonesty required patient discipline for three years and eight months, while another boy remained but two months and a half. All seem to love their surroundings and they show their appreciation of them in boyish fashion, — one day by scrubbing the kitchen floor and blacking the stove, instead of going to play ball, as a surprise for Mrs. Morse on her return from some errands in the village. One boy wrote to his brother, "You can go fishing if you like. I'd rather do things like men, — farming, and picking cranberries, things that are useful to know when you grow up."

Nine graduates have returned to visit the household, and many are the letters Mr. Morse receives from others who turn to him for advice and sympathy.

Three large boys were sent to Rock Lawn from Pine Farm when it was closed. Mrs. Morse found them helpful in many ways and not hard to manage with the small boys.

There have been two attacks of illness during the year. In December three cases of diphtheria enforced quarantine, when Dr. Frank Morse kindly came from Lynn to help his parents by his medical skill. In August five boys had dysentery.

A fire broke out in May in Mr. Morse's woodland, and burned for eight hours and a half. The older boys made a line with buckets from the pond and worked finely with the men from the foundry. They were much concerned lest the smoke should injure Mr. Morse's delicate eyes.

The boys earned \$100 by picking cranberries.

The members of the Foxborough school committee and some of the teachers visited our school and were much pleased, especially with the classes in spelling.

We desire to express our regret at the death of Dr. Lemuel Dickerman, who generously cared for our boys in illness during many years, and to acknowledge with gratitude the courtesy of the Congregational Church in providing free seats for all our boys.

WAYWARD BOYS PLACED OUT FROM TRAINING FARMS.

Number in families, Oct. 1, 1896:

In boarding homes	5	}	93
In free homes	46		
In homes with wages	33		
Pending, or otherwise placed	9		
Placed during the year			28
Total in charge			121
Returned to Training Farms	4	}	42
Returned to relatives under care of Graduate Department	9		
Discharged from regular visitation	26		
Sent to Lyman School	2		
Sent to Concord Reformatory	1		

Number in families, Oct. 1, 1896:

In boarding homes	5	}	79
In free homes	49		
In homes with wages	22		
Pending, or otherwise placed	3		
			—

This department represents a definite branch of placing-out work, having charge only of boys who go to families from the Training Farms of the Society. It has the great advantage of knowing something of the character and capabilities of its boys before placing them, as the

visitor becomes acquainted with them at the Training Farm, and has frequent consultations with the Superintendent and Matron. On the other hand, supervision is not easy, as boys of twelve to eighteen grow restless and like to assert their independence of control. This is partly met by securing wages for them as soon as their age or worth entitles them to more than board, clothing, and schooling, which is all they earn when first placed; but chiefly by making the boys feel that they get independence only as they deserve it by learning to control themselves and working with the visitor instead of against her, and also by emphasizing the personal relationship of boy and visitor rather than the impersonal one to a Society.

Our homes are chosen among the country families of New England, the same thorough investigation being used in both departments of the Placing Out Agency. Our visitor learns by experience which neighborhoods offer the best church and school advantages and the best general tone, which families realize most fully their moral responsibility towards the boy, and in this way we have gradually acquired a group of homes of which we feel justly proud. We have two visitors, a woman who has had six years' experience with us, and a man who has been added this year to take charge of certain classes of boys in both sections of the Placing Out Department.

The closing of Pine Farm hastened some boys into families who would otherwise have stayed there longer, but owing to the excellent training received at Pine Farm only one has been returned to Foxborough for further preparation.

Forty-three boys have saved \$592.30 this year, and twenty-eight have stamp savings amounting to \$21.51.

One of our boys was to be transferred last winter, and the minister wrote to ask that he might remain in the town as he had won such esteem there, so he was placed with a trustworthy neighbor who had already applied for him. This boy was found drunk in a herdic three years ago and came to Pine Farm with a thoroughly bad record. Another boy has just entered Dartmouth College after years of patient labor on his part and unwearying supervision from his visitor. We have also failures, and runaways who cannot be found; but between these extremes are many boys who are being taught to overcome their evil tendencies and are growing into good and self-supporting citizens.

GRADUATES AND PROBATIONERS.

Committee: Mr. Lamb, Mr. Hubbard, Dr. Cabot.*Agent:* Mr. Samuel C. Lawrence.

GRADUATES.

Graduates in charge, Oct. 1, 1895		132
Added during the year:		
From Pine Farm	9	} 18
From Rock Lawn Farm	5	
From Placing Out Department	4	
		150
Graduates discharged:		
Placed on record for periodical inquiry	60	} 91
Dropped on account of being too old, but generally successful,	29	
Transferred to other departments	2	
		—
Total in charge, Oct. 1, 1896		59

Of these, 54 are white, 5 are colored.

“ “ 51 Protestants, 7 Catholics, 1 Jew.

“ “ 25 from Pine Farm, 19 from Rock Lawn Farm, 3 from Weston, 12 from Placing Out Department.

“ “ 29 doing well, 22 fairly, 8 not doing well.

“ Graduates ” are the boys or young men who have left our training farms or places in the country, and have returned to homes in the city. They find a guide or friend in our agent, Mr. Lawrence, whose assistance they generally welcome. He gives one evening each week to the boys that care to meet with him for social talk or games, in a room hired for the purpose, besides the constant visits and consultations during the days.

A few cases will explain this work :

I. A boy, eleven years old, a graduate of the Placing Out Department, is inclined to truancy and has run away from home. He is good at times, but occasionally mischievous. He has been visited by our agent and has become a member of a Home Library with a devoted visitor, the public-school teacher coöperating. Although not making a perfect record, he is steadily improving.

II. Another boy, sixteen years old, a graduate of Rock Lawn Farm, lives with his parents, who have a large family ; he works regularly and is doing well ; he is occasionally visited by Mr. Lawrence, to whom he comes for advice and friendly aid.

III. A boy, eighteen years old, of German parentage, whose mother is in an asylum. The boy and his father did not agree ; they have often quarrelled. They have both come to our visitor at different times

and he has restored peace between them. The boy was lazy, stupid, and quick-tempered; he lost his business places foolishly. Finally he was sent to the country by the Placing Out Department, but he did not do well. His father complained to the court and the boy was sent to the Concord Reformatory. Our agent visits him there and will aid him on his release, when his father will help him also. This is an example of the failure of our agent to keep a boy out of an institution.

IV. "Are you there every Friday night?" "Then we'll both call to see you some evening." In these words the father of a sixteen-year-old graduate of Rock Lawn Farm bade our agent good-by at the office not long ago. That very afternoon both father and son, without one another's knowledge, had asked advice of our agent, in the way of settling their domestic difficulties. The latter has become, as it were, a member of that family, and is keeping the peace, helping both father and son.

V. Mr. Lawrence has seen a good deal of a Pine Farm graduate, nineteen years old, who is living alone in a boarding-house. He has no relations to turn to, and Mr. Lawrence's friendship means a great deal to him. He often calls for an evening's talk with him. The young man is working well at the mattress-making trade. He was enabled to keep out of debt last spring, when he was ill for two or three weeks, as he had saved some money, under the Society's trusteeship, when he was living with a country family.

PROBATIONERS.

Probationers in charge, Oct. 1, 1895	257
Added during the year:	
Put on probation by the courts 44	} 55
On informal probation 10	
Special case 1	
Renewal of old cases	2
Total in charge	314
Discharged during the year:	
Transferred to other departments 2	} 68
Placed on record for periodical inquiry 56	
Dismissed as being too old, and generally successful 10	
Total in charge, Oct. 1, 1896:	
Put on probation by the courts 143	} 246
On informal probation 81	
Special cases 22	

Of these, 228 are white, 18 colored.

" " 158 are Protestants, 72 Jews, 16 Catholics.

" " 102 doing well, 118 doing fairly, 26 not doing well.

"Probationers" are boys who are under arrest, in danger of arrest, or giving trouble, and who are placed by the court, relatives, officers, or friends under the personal oversight, in their own homes or boarding-places, of the probation agent of the Society.

The following cases illustrate this work :

I. A lad of seventeen years, whose mother is a widow, and whose older brother is in a Reformatory. Last winter this boy was discharged from a place found for him by us on suspicion of theft. Both boy and employer went at once to Mr. Lawrence, and the boy declared his innocence. As the evidence was not conclusive, the agent gave him the benefit of the doubt, and secured another position for him, where he is doing well. The agent visits him, and also receives visits from him.

II. A boy, fifteen years of age, already on informal probation, and apparently doing fairly well, was suddenly brought into court, charged with breaking and entering his employer's shop at night. On account of his past good character, he was put on probation by the court under our agent's care. He told Mr. Lawrence that he got into this criminal state of mind by bad reading and by attending low theatrical performances. With the aid of the boy's Sunday-school teacher, he has been encouraged to do his best, and is now working regularly, taking good books from the Public Library, and is doing very well.

III. A boy, eleven years old, living with his parents. His father is a petulant man, who has been a hard drinker; his mother is a good woman, with little control over the boy. He was reported to be stealing at a boys' club, and he then acknowledged other thefts. He was made to go to the persons from whom he had stolen to acknowledge his wrong-doing and repentance. He has done well since that time (early in the spring), and has improved in his conduct at school.

Our committee meets Mr. Lawrence every other week, to hear an account of his work, and to give advice with regard to difficult cases.

HOME LIBRARIES.

Committee : Mr. Pickering, Miss Keyes.

Agents : Miss Beale, Miss Patterson.

Number of libraries, October 1	64
Number of children	608
Number of visitors	41
Average number of children in each library during the year	9½

There are now sixty-four active libraries, of which sixteen are without permanent visitors. During the summer forty-one have been visited

weekly, seventeen of which have been under the direct care of the office. Of the sixteen libraries now without visitors, in three cases the visitors will return later, and continue actively with their respective groups. In January last four new libraries were opened. One of these was placed in Mindoro Street, Roxbury, to provide for the working members of the four libraries already in the same street, and another in the home of a little Hebrew boy, who had come to the notice of the Society through the court: he is very proud of his trust and the responsibility it entails. A library in Orange Court was without a visitor during the summer, when the members of the group enlisted the sympathy of a young woman living in the same Court. She kept the children together during the warm weather, by taking them on various excursions, and in December offered her services as visitor, saying that she wanted to help her own people. In one of the evening libraries in South Boston, an older sister of two members has been acting as substitute for the regular visitor, and is now willing and anxious to become a regular visitor. An older member of one of the libraries has volunteered to do typewriting for the Society, saying that she wanted to return a little of the labor that had been expended in her behalf; she has copied fifty forms for the Placing Out Agency. A library in a narrow avenue off Mall Street, Roxbury, which had been closed, was reopened in February at the request of a "Neighborhood Settlement" in that street, they supplying the visitor. We have gratifying instances of the remembrance of visitors by library members who have long ago left the group. Two young men called at the office asking to see the general visitor, to whom they recalled themselves as among the very earliest library members. Both had married and were very earnest that Miss Beale and Mr. Birtwell should visit them in their homes. A library in the house of a hard-drinking woman is kept there only on the condition that she tries to reform, and that one step backward on her part will make it impossible for her to keep the library longer. She is ambitious for her children, and very anxious to keep the case and books. Attachment to the familiar bookcase is one of the encouraging indications. A household had taken a boarder whose work required early retiring, and the consequent avoiding of noise on the part of the family. It was thought necessary to hold the library meetings elsewhere, but when it was found that the bookcase must go too, this was not to be thought of, and the boarder had to put up with the inconvenience. One library was removed from a home kept in filthy condition, where the family could not be induced to change its habits, and after being un-

placed for several months, was taken in by a Hebrew family, one of whose children was a member, and who learned of its homeless condition.

There have been no picnics or excursions for the past year, but individual visitors have in several instances given their groups an outing, inviting them for the day to their own homes or elsewhere, as the case might be. March 27 a sleight-of-hand entertainment was given by two of our friends at the People's Institute for seven Roxbury and three South Boston libraries; and in the summer Mrs. McLeod, proprietor of a restaurant at Crescent Beach, gave fifty of the children a picnic there, providing bathing dresses and an excellent fish dinner for them all. A few special children and families have enjoyed "car rides" on tickets furnished by the West End Street Railway Company. The summer attendance at the libraries is extremely uncertain, and varies with different groups and at different seasons. In some cases the children seem desirous of attending; in many, although seen playing in the streets by the visitor, they cannot be induced to come to a meeting. The coming of cool weather, however, rarely fails to bring fresh enthusiasm and full attendance.

Two flower sales were held, as usual, in the spring, and one hundred and ninety plants, all in strong and healthy condition, were sold at eight cents apiece. This is the smallest number ever sold, but is largely accounted for by the fact that at the North and West Ends plants and seeds were sold in the schools. September 28 the first Flower Festival was held, for those bringing live plants bought at this or previous years' sales. Thirty-four plants were shown, followed by a talk about them and their care, and by the usual entertainment.

At the April conference of visitors a new departure was made. All the librarians were invited, and each was allowed to bring one older person. The meeting was most successful, the children being easily drawn into conversation, and offering comment and suggestion freely and with much interest. The Albany plan of naming the libraries after some popular author or well-known public man or woman was submitted to the children and unanimously adopted by them. Many names were suggested, and all libraries represented were thus christened. It is proposed to repeat the conference this year, to have reports from libraries by the librarian, and if again successful, to make it a yearly feature of the work.

During the year there has been increasing request for books for older members and demand for special kinds of reading. This most encouraging indication we have in all cases endeavored to meet, as far as

possible, by a rearrangement of sets and the purchase of books asked for by the several groups.

The following cases will illustrate our work :

Nov. 7, 1889, a library was placed in the home of a young girl in Roxbury, but as this was found to be an unsuitable place to have children gather in, it was removed to another home where were three children of school age and one older boy. At first the library seemed to be a slight incentive to the oldest girl to keep her kitchen clean and her own dress a little tidy, but the newness soon wore off, and the girl and her sister slipped back into the same careless life that her neighbors and friends enjoyed. Indifference, carelessness, and impertinence to the other children seemed to be the prevailing characteristics of this girl. The mother was of no help to the visitor, she had no control over her children, and seemed to be thoroughly indifferent to their shortcomings. She was a hard-working woman, and when at home was really too tired to teach her children anything, much preferring to do whatever had to be done herself. The other homes in the neighborhood were much the same. When the oldest girl graduated from the grammar school and seemed interested in her new white gown, the visitor hoped that it might be the beginning of a new period in her life, but she took off her gown and returned to her old state of selfishness and carelessness. Still the visitor continued her efforts, believing that perseverance would sometime tell. Places for her to work were found, but, if tried at all, were given up almost immediately. The street and whatever reading she could get — for she loved dearly to read — were much more attractive than any regular work. Visitors became discouraged, the story was almost always the same, only the very slightest change could be noted, and even this little encouragement proved to be only temporary. At last a change became apparent about six months ago, this girl of her own free will suggesting that the members of the library do the sewing on some clothing which a little friend was to wear at her first communion. This child had no parents, and the utter loneliness seemed suddenly to appeal to her. This change of heart soon showed itself in several ways, — a cleaner house, kinder treatment of her sister and friends, and willingness and apparent interest in the work which she had found for herself in a book-bindery.

Seven visitors have had charge of this group for as many years, and have said over and over again that they had never before met a group of children quite so discouraging. The present visitor is the only one who has had the comfort of seeing this change, but her untiring efforts for the past year in this special direction certainly deserve such a reward.

One of the very earliest libraries started, January, 1887, has had an interesting life. Its first home was in a small street in one of the outlying districts of Boston, with a membership of about fifteen children. These continued to belong for several years; then the library was removed to another street in the near neighborhood, a few of the older members dropping out. The cause of this first removal was a notice from the Board of Health that the old home must be vacated. From its second home the library was sent to the house of another member in the same street, but was again removed in December, 1892, to a narrow alley in the rear of one of the small streets in the same neighborhood. The membership changed somewhat, some older girls were lost and three younger children substituted.

In April, 1894, it became necessary to find yet another home, as a large corporation had bought all of the surrounding property. When notice to quit was given only a few days of grace were allowed, and the children felt the necessity of acting without consulting the visitor. So the first intimation of this sudden exodus was the receipt of a letter from one of the members, telling of two homes that could be had, and making suggestions in regard to a new librarian, for there were several applicants for this position, the new quarters of the old librarian being too small to accommodate the library.

The home decided upon was in a much wider street, within a few minutes' walk of the old locality, the librarian being a new member. The new quarters were very comfortable, although somewhat small, for little by little the library had increased beyond the prescribed limits. Young sisters and brothers had crept in, almost without notice.

Things worked fairly smoothly until May, 1896, when the older members petitioned to have the library divided, allowing the younger children to form the new group. This seemed a natural desire, as some of the girls were in their nineteenth year.

The parents of these girls are all laboring people; the fathers, with one exception, being day laborers, and the mothers, with one exception, assisting in the support of their families by washing or cleaning. But so far the work found for the children has been guided largely by the visitor, and instead of having them choose the life of the factory hand or cash girl, they have generally been able to start in better and more promising kinds of work.

The first girl seeking employment was a candidate for a factory, for she wanted to work where her friends worked. The visitor believing that she would make an excellent typewriter and stenographer, finally

caused her to take up a course of study in preparation for such a position, borrowing the money for the purpose from an educational fund. Her debt was paid within a year, as she secured an excellent position within two weeks after her study was completed. She is now earning five hundred and seventy-two dollars a year. Another member of this family has since studied telegraphy, having formerly been employed in a candy factory; another member of the group is also studying telegraphy, and is making rapid progress; one is in a millinery store as errand girl; another is in her third year at the high school; and another at home assisting her mother, who has a large boarding-house for laboring men.

It is very satisfactory to have had this membership the same through so many years, and of course this has brought about the most friendly and intimate relations between the visitor and library members. So that at the meetings, not only books are discussed, but any question that is uppermost in any one of the minds, whether it be the kind of material for a new gown or daily work. The fact that the library has had but one visitor, Miss J. F. Beale, since January, 1888, has made the establishing of these relations comparatively easy. The forming of a cooking club, to meet at the home of the visitor, is now in progress.

Several of the very earliest members continue to call on their old visitor, so that it is still possible to learn of their whereabouts and something of their present lives.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

It is left for me to say a word on the work not definitely covered by the reports of departments. Close upon the "cases," if I may use that convenient though most unsatisfying word, come a troop of other demands, identical in essence, different only in form, and most easily expressed by another convenient though equally unsatisfactory phrase, "general problems." For instance, the same moment brings a homeless, friendless child to be cared for, and a request from the Board of Charities of a neighboring State for information and suggestion as to the best way to effect the contemplated reorganization of the work for homeless children throughout that State. The same morning that a boy is taken on probation at court, a commission on penal institutions and laws, acting under authority of the Legislature of another State, asks for information in regard to the probation system here in Massachusetts and counsel as to its adaptation to their conditions. Word comes that the children across the way from a Home Library are clamoring for one, and the same day the public librarian of a Western city inquires about the whole idea and plan of the Home Libraries with a view to their establishment in that city.

Again, the passage is natural and logical from the individual, hapless South Cove lad, whose plight must forthwith be relieved, to the perplexities, internal and external, perhaps also eternal, of institutions and agencies whose problems resemble our own, and whose directors or agents, candid enough to avow their difficulties and determined to overcome them, confer with us. From day to day individual truants are studied and provided for, while at the request of the State Board of Education, acting under a resolve of the Legislature, we are making, in connection with a committee of that Board, an investigation of the Truant Schools of the State, with a view to the recommendation of measures, including the drafting of a bill, to bring order, sense, and efficiency into the treatment of truants in this State.

In the same way we pass from individual work to the Mayor's Advisory Board on Public Institutions, where a member of the Board of

Directors and the General Secretary serve ; and to the occasions on which representatives of the Society have appeared by request before the Commission appointed by Governor Wolcott at the instance of the Legislature to inquire into the charitable and reformatory institutions and interests of the State and report thereon to the next Legislature. So, too, more than a score of bills before the Legislature last winter were of direct moment to the dependent, wayward, or defective children of the City or State, and in the drafting or advocacy of some and opposition to others we took a hand.

But instances enough have been given. Throughout the work of the Society the aim is simply to be human, — to understand others as we would be understood, — and to get hold at the really right end. One cannot name the misfortune, abuse, fear, hope, sorrow, sin, that is not familiar here. But we are sustained by a cheerful and stubborn confidence in human nature, and by the conviction that in preventive work among the young we must win if at all.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Committee: Mr. Parsons, Miss Parker, Mr. White, Miss Loring, Mr. Burr.

We end our financial year with a balance of \$807.92 to our credit, having begun it with a balance of \$3,361.58. From the several legacies received we have used \$1,000 for current expenses; besides this our sources of income have been interest on invested funds, payments of parents and guardians, Overseers of the Poor and charitable societies for maintenance and care of children, and the gifts of donors and subscribers.

The income from these sources for the last two years has been as follows:

	1895 and 1896.	1894 and 1895.
From invested funds	\$2,892 91	\$2,471 68
“ parents and guardians	4,166 76	4,908 27
“ Overseers of the Poor	2,719 66	2,177 24
“ charitable societies	1,626 49	2,706 60
“ sales and earnings	761 01	520 63
“ donors and subscribers	14,964 54	15,205 21
“ Ashton fund	1,000 00	1,000 00
“ Moses Kimball estate	1,000 00	

The diminution in receipts from parents and guardians is doubtless owing to the hard times, while the increased payments from the Overseers of the Poor and the payments from charitable societies show what is evident in the foregoing reports, that the Children's Aid Society is liable to be called upon to take the cases that other institutions have not the means or experience to care for. Besides cost of maintenance the Society charges \$26 a year for investigating, directing, and constantly supervising each case, a sum as nearly as possible equivalent to the cost.

Attention is especially called to the payment by relations and guardians for the support of children. This not only relieves the public of a burden, but is a powerful agent for reformation and the strengthening of family ties. Experience, patience, and time are required to convince these persons of their obligation to pay, and in many cases to collect the money. Success in so doing is a noteworthy feature of the work of this Society.

The expenses of the Society were \$287.96 less than last year. This saving has been accomplished by great effort on the part of our agents, and by refusing to undertake work that we ought to have done if we had had the means.

The saving in expense by discontinuing the home at Pine Farm for the last four months of the year — \$1,864.71 — is nearly balanced by \$1,807.93 spent for necessary additional assistants and increase of salaries in other departments.

The number of subscribers and donors is 553, as against 584 in 1894-95. Of these persons, 39 gave \$100 or more each, making \$8,174.08 in all, while 514 gave sums ranging from 50 cents to \$85, in all \$6,790.46, — the average of these subscriptions being \$13.21, whereas last year it was about \$9.

The work of this Society cannot be carried on without a prospect of assured income; the interest from invested funds, the payments by relations and charitable agencies must be supplemented by a large number of annual subscribers and donors of moderate sums. This year thirty-nine persons have paid more than half the donations. Dependence upon such a small number for so large a proportion of our receipts is too great a risk, as the loss of even four or five of them would seriously cripple our resources. We believe that if the public know the value of the work, they will also recognize their responsibility for its support. It is hard to raise money outside the well-known circle of those who practically support the charities of Boston, but we intend to employ every means to do so.

To this end we have tried the experiment of writing 652 letters to persons well able to help us, but who have never done so, and have gained only 26 new donors and \$457. Notes were written to every one who contributed in 1893-94, but not in the following year; by this means we regained the names of 29 persons and \$419. Eighty-five names were added in other ways and by assistance of other members of the Society, so that there are added to our list 140 names and \$2,356.20, while on the other hand we have lost 171 names and \$1,883.41 from the list of last year.

It must be borne in mind that these figures are not exact, for anonymous gifts cannot always be traced. Those that cannot be counted as "lost" in the list for 1894-95, and as "gained" in 1895-96. Neither will these gains and losses balance the account, for many persons change the amount of their gifts from year to year.

A legacy of \$10,000, which we received from the late Martin Brim-

mer, has been invested under the name of the *Brimmer Fund*, in order to perpetuate acknowledgment of his generosity and of his intelligent interest in the work of the Society and of his solicitude for its continued success.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Eldredge's gift of \$10,000, although unrestricted in terms, was accompanied by a request that it be used in connection with the work at Pine Farm, if the directors thought best. Now that Pine Farm has been closed, it is proposed to invest that sum and the legacy given by her as a permanent fund in memory of Mrs. Eldredge.

We heartily thank our Subscribers and Donors for the courtesy with which they receive our appeals and for the generosity with which they answer them.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

OCT. 1, 1895, TO OCT. 1, 1896.

Receipts.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1895		\$3,361 58	
Income from invested funds		2,892 91	
Received from Ashton Trust		1,000 00	
" " estate of Moses Kimball		1,000 00	
Annual subscriptions	\$3,883 00		
Donations	9,523 61		
Donations for special children	1,557 93		
			14,964 54
Earned by boys at Rock Lawn Farm	\$100 00		
Sale of produce at Pine Farm	201 97		
Sale of things from Pine Farm	367 45		
Sale of things from office	11 73		
Refund	39 86		
			721 01
Received from State Board of Education for services			40 00
Received from parents, relatives, or guardians of children			4,166 76
Received from Overseers of the Poor	\$2,719 66		
" " Soldiers' Relief Fund, Chelsea	79 00		
" State aid	132 00		
" from Dorchester Industrial School	550 00		
" " New Bedford Orphans' Home	282 00		
" " Massachusetts Infant Asylum	275 00		
" " Gwynne Temporary Home	110 00		
" " Children's Mission	112 50		
" " Federation of Hebrew Charities	66 28		
" " Church Home	19 71		
			4,346 15
Legacy from Albert Glover	\$1,000 00		
" " B. P. Cheney	2,000 00		
" " Martin Brimmer	10,000 00		
" " Mrs. E. T. Eldredge	1,000 00		
" " Miss M. A. Wales	156 25		
			14,156 25
			<u>\$46,649 20</u>

Expenditures.

Services of General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Stenographer, and Bookkeeper		\$4,763 98	
Bureau of Information, services of 4 assistants		2,850 00	
Placing Out Agency, services of 4 assistants		2,514 98	
Placing children in families		\$10,284 10	
" wayward girls in families		1,061 40	
" boys from training farms in families		411 32	
" girls at hospitals		87 71	
" girl learning trade		115 00	
			11,959 53
Pine Farm, 8 months			2,595 98
Rock Lawn Farm			3,237 22
Graduates and probationers			1,148 19
Home libraries			1,147 95
General expenses. — Travel		\$1,107 71	
Stationery, postage, printing		613 91	
Express and telegraph		35 23	
Telephone		106 94	
Light, heat, and care of office		253 08	
Equipment of office		154 76	
Sundries		94 17	
Treasurer's report		40 72	
Christmas		94 50	
Investigation for State Board of Massachusetts		14 48	
Office boy		154 00	
Extra help		27 55	
			2,697 05
			<u>\$32,914 88</u>
Investment of Albert Glover legacy in 1,000 C., B. & Q.			
Nebraska 4 %		\$916 40	
1 C., B. & Q.		76 50	
			992 90
Investment of Martin Brimmer Fund in 15 Bell Telephone		\$3,091 00	
20 Fitchburg preferred		1,842 50	
5 Suffolk Real Estate Trust		5,000 00	
			9,933 50
Uninvested legacies			2,000 00
Oct. 1, 1896, balance	Treasurer,	\$134 27	
	Assistant Treasurer,	205 23	
	General Secretary,	468 42	
			807 92
			<u>\$46,649 20</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Allen, Miss Josephine	\$40.00	Barnard, Mrs. Mary C. E. . .	\$1.00
Ames, Mrs. Frederick L.	25.00	Barnard, Miss M. W.	5.00
Ames, Mrs. James B.	20.00	Bartlett, Mrs. Esther A.	2.00
Ames, Miss Mary S.	25.00	Bartlett, Miss Fannie.	20.00
Amory, Miss Anna S.	165.61	Bartlett, Francis.	25.00
Amory, C. W.	10.00	Batchelder, Mrs. Francis L. .	20.00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25.00	Baxter, Thompson.	5.00
Andrew, Mrs. J. A.	5.00	Beal, Mrs. J. H.	10.00
Andrews, Miss M. T.	15.00	Beal, Thomas P.	5.00
Anonymous.	200.00	Beals, Joshua G.	10.00
Anonymous.	15.00	Beebe, J. Arthur.	10.00
Anonymous, through C. W. Birtwell.	1.00	Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur.	10.00
Anonymous, through Miss A. P. Jackson.	50.00	Bigelow, A. S.	5.00
Anonymous, through Miss A. P. Jackson.	10.00	Bigelow, Mrs. Horatio.	5.00
Anonymous, through Miss A. P. Jackson.	500.00	Bigelow, Mrs. Joseph S.	10.00
Anonymous, through Miss A. P. Jackson.	10.00	Bigelow, Miss M. A.	25.00
Anonymous.	2.00	Bigelow, Dr. W. S.	10.50
Anonymous.	10.00	Billings, Mrs. C. E.	10.00
Anonymous, through W. H. White. ....	.50	Billings, R. C.	10.00
Appleton, Miss D. E.	1.00	Blake, Mrs. Arthur W.	50.00
Appleton, Mrs. William.	25.00	Blake, Mrs. G. Baty.	20.00
Apthorp, Harrison O.	10.00	Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman.	15.00
Arklay, Mrs. Patrick.	5.00	Blake, William P.	5.00
Armstrong, George E.	5.00	Bolles, Matthew.	5.00
Arnold, Augustus F.	1.00	Bond, Miss Mabel H.	5.00
Atkins, Mrs. Elisha.	5.00	Borland, Mrs. M. W.	5.00
Atkinson, George.	10.00	Bott, Harold P., through Mrs. Frank Bott.	5.00
Bailey, Miss Elizabeth H.	2.00	Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00
Baker, Charles E.	150.00	Bowditch, Miss Charlotte. . .	5.00
Baker, Charles F.	3.00	Bowditch, Dr. H. P.	2.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth.	5.00	Bowditch, Wm. I.	5.00
Barnard, Mrs. George M.	150.00	Bradford, Mrs. C. F.	5.00
		Bradlee, Miss Helen C.	20.00
		Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	15.00
		Brewer, E. M.	25.00
		Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin.	2.00
		Brewster, William.	5.00
		Brooks, Miss Martha H.	3.55

Brooks, Mrs. Peter C.....	\$15.00	Church, All Souls', Unitarian,	\$10.50
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	25.00	Churches: First Parish, First	
Brown, Mrs. Atherton.....	2.00	Baptist, and Plymouth, of	
Browne, Edward I.	10.00	Framingham	9.63
Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	25.00	Church, Walnut Avenue Con-	
Bryant, Mrs. J. D.	4.00	gregational	2.00
Buck, Mrs. David.....	5.00	Clapp, Miss Mabel D.....	50.00
Bullard, A. M.	2.00	Clark, Mr. and Mrs. B. Pres-	
Bullard, Stephen.....	5.00	ton	15.00
Bullard, Theodore.....	5.00	Clark, Herbert	2.00
Bullard, Wm. S.	20.00	Clarke, Mrs. Eliot C.....	20.00
Bumpus, E. C.	26.00	Clarke, Mrs. James Freeman,	5.00
Bunker, Alfred	2.00	Club, Girls', of Petersham,	
Burnham, Mrs. John A.....	25.00	through Miss Bessie Davis,	2.50
Burnham, Mrs. J. A. jr....	5.00	Club, Witch Hazel, of Fitch-	
Burr, Charles C.	20.00	burg	15.50
Burr, Isaac T.	25.00	Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander...	10.00
Burr, I. T., Jr.	50.00	Codman, C. R.	10.00
C.....	10.00	Collamore, Miss	10.00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20.00	Collamore, Miss Helen	10.00
Cabot, Miss Elise (Xmas)...	4.00	Cooledge, Miss Matilda G...	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. Francis.....	10.00	Coolidge, Mrs. David H....	10.00
Cabot, J. Elliot.....	20.00	Coolidge, Mr. and Mrs. J.	
Cabot, John H.....	25.00	Randolph	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. J. S.....	20.00	Cotting, Mrs. C. U.....	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. Louis.....	50.00	Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1.00
Cabot, Mrs. Richard C....	10.00	Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.,	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	200.00	Crafts, Mrs. James M.	50.00
Cady, Frank L.	3.00	Crocker, George G.	5.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry.....	2.00	Cross, Dr. H. B.	4.00
Campbell, Rev. Wm. R.	2.00	Cummings, Mrs. Charles A...	5.00
Capen, Samuel B.	10.00	Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P....	20.00
Carlton, Mrs. A.....	3.00	Curtis, Miss E.....	5.00
Carter, Mrs. Wm. S.	5.00	Curtis, Greely S.....	10.00
Cary, Miss A. P.....	10.00	Curtis, Mrs. Greely S.....	5.00
Cary, Mrs. Edward M.....	50.00	Cushing, Grafton D.....	10.00
Cary, Miss Georgiana S....	10.00	Cushing, Livingston.....	20.00
Case, Mrs. J. B.	10.00	Cushing, Robert M.	25.00
Cash.....	100.00	D.....	50.00
Cash.....	5.00	Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5.00
Caswell, John	10.00	Dale, Mrs. Eben.....	5.00
Chadwick, Mrs. C. C.....	10.00	Dana, Mrs. R. H., Jr.....	5.00
Chandler, Mrs. F. W.....	15.00	Darling, Neddie and Amy...	2.00
Channing, Miss E. P.....	1.00	Dean, Mrs. Charles A.....	25.00
Channing, Dr. Walter	196.30	De Long, Mrs. E. R.....	2.00
Chase, Mrs. Wm. L.....	5.00	Denny, Clarence H.....	10.00
Cheever, Dr. David W.....	5.00	Denny, Henry G.....	5.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W....	10.00	Denny, Miss Mary G.....	2.00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P.....	2.00	Dewey, Miss Mary E.....	1.00

Dexter, Mrs. C. W.....	\$5.00	Foote, Arthur.....	\$2.00
Dexter, George.....	50.00	Foote, Mrs. Henry W.	5.00
Dexter, Mrs. Morton.....	5.00	Ford, Daniel S.	25.00
Dix Trust Fund, through H. A. Lamb.....	60.00	Friend, through C. W. Birt- well	10.00
Dodge, Mrs. John W.....	5.00	Friend, through Miss A. P. J.,	10.00
Dole, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. F.,	7.00	Friend, through G. S. Hale,	10.00
Drake, J. M. E.....	5.00	Frothingham, Edward	5.00
Drummond, Mrs. James.....	10.00	Frothingham, Miss Ellen....	10.00
Duncklee, Miss K. A.	2.00	Fry, Mrs. Charles.....	25.00
Durrell, O. H.....	46.00		
Dwight, Edmund.....	10.00	Gade, John A.	5.00
		Gahm, Sebastien	5.00
Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00	Gaillard, Mrs. L.....	15.00
Eliot, Samuel	10.00	Gardiner, Miss Eugenia....	10.00
Eliot, Mrs. Samuel	10.00	Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. ..	2.00
Ellison, Mrs. F. B.	10.00	Gardner, Mrs. Harrison	2.00
Emery, Miss Mary S.	2.00	Gardner, T. Harrison	5.00
Endicott, Miss Clara T.	10.00	Gay, Albert.....	2.00
Endicott, Henry	5.00	Gill, Augustus H.	2.00
Endicott, William, Jr.....	250.00	Glover, Mrs. H. R.....	2.00
Epworth League, Cambridge, through Miss J. R. Hinch- cliffe	34.00	Glover, Joseph B.	50.00
Ernst, Mrs. Harold C.....	5.00	Goddard, George A.	25.00
Evans, Mrs. C. W.	2.00	Goddard, Mrs. M. T.	5.00
Evans, Mrs. Glendower	10.00	Golden Rule Circle, King's Daughters, Everett	5.00
		Gorham, Mrs. W. H.....	5.00
Fair held by Miss Clara Shat- tuck and others	83.63	Gray, Mrs. Asa.....	60.00
Faulkner, Charles W., in memory of.....	50.00	Gray, Miss Elizabeth C.	45.00
Faulkner, Dr. George.....	20.00	Gray, Miss Harriet.....	25.00
Faxon, John G.....	5.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald.....	5.00
Fay, Joseph S.....	10.00	Green, Charles G.	20.00
Fay, Misses Lillie, Alice, Ethel, Rosamond, and Master Richard	10.00	Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00
Fay, Miss S. B.	12.43	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5.00
F. C. N., in memory of	5.00	Greenough, Charles P.....	2.00
Fegan, Mrs. Wm. J.....	2.00	Greenough, Mrs. David S....	3.00
Field, Parker B.	1.00	Greenough, Mrs. Wm. W. ..	5.00
Fisher, George J.....	2.00	Grew, Edward S.....	10.00
Fiske, Mrs. J. N.....	25.00	Grew, Henry Sturgis	50.00
Fiske, Mrs. Redington	8.00	Grew, Mrs. H. S.....	100.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	200.00	Guild, Miss H. J.....	2.00
Fitzgerald, Desmond.....	5.00		
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Desmond ..	5.00	Hall, Mrs. Solomon.....	2.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00	Hammer, Mrs. E. C.....	25.00
Folsom, Miss Amy	25.00	Hart, Prof. A. B.....	2.00
		Hartwell, Henry W.....	2.00
		Hastings, Mrs. H. P.....	2.00
		Haven, Franklin.....	50.00
		Hay, Dr. Gustavus.....	2.00
		Haynes, John C.....	100.00

Head, Mrs. Charles	\$5.00	Ladies' Sewing Circle, Fitch-	
Heintzen, K. F.	2.00	burg.....	\$15.51
Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10.00	Lamb, H. A.....	75.75
Higginson, Mrs. Henry L. . .	15.00	Lamb, Mrs. H. A.....	179.50
Hildreth, Miss Emily E.	20.00	Lamphier, Miss M. A.....	1.00
Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.....	5.00	Lane, Miss F. D.....	2.00
Hitchcock, John.....	10.00	Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan	
Homans, Mrs. John.....	10.00	A.....	4.00
Hooper, Edward W.	100.00	Laughlin, Mrs. Harriet M. . .	25.00
Hooper, Mrs. A. D.....	5.00	Lawrence, Miss Gertrude S. .	1.00
Hooper, Mrs. R. C., Jr.....	20.00	Lawrence, Miss M.	10.00
Houghton, Clement S.....	25.00	Lawrence, Right Rev. Wm. .	25.00
Houghton, Miss E. H.....	7.50	Lawrence, Mrs. Wm. R.	5.00
Howe, Henry S.	15.00	Lawton, Mrs. M. A.	1.00
Hubbard, Charles Eustis . .	10.00	Lee, George C.	25.00
Hubbard, C. W.....	70.75	Lee, Henry.....	200.00
Hubbard, James M.....	5.00	Lee, Joseph.....	30.00
Hudson, John E.	20.00	Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	2.00
Hughes, Henry	1.00	Lincoln, W. H.	5.00
Humphreys, Richard C.....	7.00	Livermore, T. L.	10.00
Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth		Livermore, Mrs. P. M.....	2.00
A.....	2.00	Lodge, Mrs. John E.....	5.00
Hunneman, Miss Ida.....	5.50	Lootz, G.	2.00
Hunnewell, F. W.	25.00	Loring, Augustus P.....	58.57
Hunnewell, Walter	25.00	Loring, Mr. and Mrs. Augus-	
Hutchins, Mrs. C. F.....	2.00	tus P.	25.00
Hutchins, Edward W.....	20.00	Loring, C. W.....	20.00
Hutchins, Mrs. H. G.	2.00	Loring, Miss K. P.	50.00
		Loring, Mrs. W. C.....	150.00
Jackson, Miss Anna P.....	35.00	Loring, The Misses	15.00
Jackson, Prof. C. L.....	20.00	Lothrop, Mrs. T. K.....	25.00
Jackson, Edward	50.00	Loud, Miss Sarah P.	5.00
Jackson, Miss Eleanor.....	10.00	Lovering, Mrs. Charles T. . .	10.00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	10.00	Lowell, Mrs. Edward J.	10.00
Jackson, Miss M. C.....	25.00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	85.00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.....	5.00	Lowell, Miss G.	25.00
Jaynes, C. P.....	25.00	Lowell, Hon. John	10.00
Jewett, Miss S. O.	10.00	Lowell, Mrs. John	10.00
Jones, Mrs. Charles H.....	10.00	Lowell, Miss Lucy.....	10.00
Jordan, Mrs. Helen L.....	3.00	Lyman, Arthur T.	10.00
		Lyman, Mrs. George H.	10.00
Keheew, Mrs. Wm. Brown...	5.00	Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00
Kennedy, Miss Louise.....	25.00	Lyman, Theodore	25.00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.....	10.00	M. A. K.	150.00
Kidder, Henry T.....	10.00	Manning, Mrs. F. C.	5.00
Kimball, Mrs. L. C.	2.00	Marston, Stephen W.	10.00
King's Chapel, Committee on		Mason, Miss Ellen F.....	300.00
Charities	100.00	Mason, Miss Ida M.....	1,710.29
Kittredge, Mrs. J. C.....	5.00	Mason, Mortimer B.....	10.00

Mason, Wm. Powell.....	\$20.00	Parkman, Miss Mary R.....	\$4.50
Matchett, Mrs. W. F.....	10.00	Parsons, The Misses.....	10.00
M. A. W.....	80.00	Parsons, Mrs. Georgiana....	10.00
May, Miss Eleanor G.....	5.00	Parsons, Theophilus.....	55.00
Means, Miss Anne M.....	10.00	Patten, Miss Jane B.....	5.00
Merriam, Charles.....	10.00	Peabody, Mrs. A. P.....	3.00
M. H. C.....	2.00	Peabody, F. H.....	25.00
Mifflin, Mrs. George H.....	2.00	Peabody, Miss Mary C.....	5.00
Millett, Mrs. E. C.....	2.00	Peabody, O. W.....	10.00
Minot, Dr. Francis.....	5.00	Peabody, Mrs. S. E.....	15.00
Minot, William.....	25.00	Pearmain, Mrs. Alice N....	.60
Mitchell, Miss E. L.....	40.00	Pearson, Miss Adeline.....	5.00
Mixter, Miss M. C.....	10.00	Pecker, Miss Annie J.....	5.00
M. M. E.....	15.00	Peters, G. Gorham.....	25.00
Montague, W. P.....	1.09	Phillips, Mrs. John C.....	100.00
Montgomery, William.....	10.00	Pickering, Henry G.....	11.31
Morgan, Charles A.....	43.97	Pickman, Mrs. D. L.....	25.00
Morse, Miss F. R.....	113.43	Pickman, Mrs. W. D.....	50.00
Morse, Godfrey.....	5.00	Pierce, Mrs. N. W.....	2.00
Morse, John T., Jr.....	25.00	Pierce, Phineas.....	2.00
Morse, Mrs. S. T.....	25.00	Pierce, Wallace L.....	5.00
Moseley, Mrs. Alexander....	5.00	Piper, Wm. Taggard.....	5.00
Moseley, Miss.....	5.00	P. M.....	10.00
Motley, Mrs. Edward.....	10.00	Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S.,	10.00
Motley, Mrs. E. Preble.....	5.00	Potter, Mrs. W. B.....	10.00
Murdock, Miss Maria.....	10.00	Potter, W. N.....	2.00
		Potter, Mrs. W. N.....	2.00
Nichols, Benjamin W.....	25.00	Prince, Mrs. F. H.....	10.00
Nichols, Mrs. F. W.....	26.00	Putnam, Miss E. C., Trustee,	20.00
Nichols, J. Howard.....	25.00	Putnam, Mrs. George.....	10.00
Nichols, Miss M. P.....	10.00	Putnam, Mrs. James J.....	5.00
Nickerson, Andrew.....	10.00	Putnam, Mrs. S. R.....	10.00
Nickerson, Howard T.....	2.00		
North, James N.....	250.00	Rackermann, C. S.....	10.00
		Randall, Miss Belinda.....	300.00
Otis, Mrs. William C.....	20.00	Read, Miss S. E.....	25.00
		Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howell...	5.00
Page, George H.....	10.00	Revere, Mrs. P. J.....	2.00
Paine, The Misses.....	50.00	Reynolds, W. H.....	5.00
Paine, Miss E. L.....	1.00	Rice, N. W.....	25.00
Paine, Robert Treat, Associa-		Richards, Mrs. S. B.....	25.00
tion.....	300.00	Richardson, Dr. W. L.....	100.00
Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C....	6.00	Rodman, S. W.....	5.00
Palfrey, Miss S. H.....	2.00	Rogers, Miss A. P.....	566.66
Parker, Charles W.....	10.00	Rogers, Mrs. J. C.....	15.00
Parker, Miss E. G.....	10.00	Rogers, Mrs. W. B.....	5.00
Parkinson, Mrs. John.....	25.00	Ropes, John C.....	20.00
Parkman, Miss E. W. S.....	5.00	Rotch, Miss Edith.....	100.00
Parkman, Mrs. Henry.....	10.00	Rotch, William.....	5.00
		Russell, Mrs. R. S.....	20.00

Russell, Thomas H.....	\$5.00	Stratton, Charles E.....	\$2.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett..	10.00	Swain, George F.....	2.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Richard M.,	10.00	Tapley, Amos P.....	5.00
Sargent, Mrs. Charles S.....	10.00	Tappan, Miss M. A.....	50.00
Sargent, Mrs. F. W.....	25.00	Thacher, Mrs. Charles A....	5.00
Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop	100.00	Thayer, Mrs. Nathaniel.....	100.00
Sawyer, J. H.....	2.00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.....	10.00
Schlesinger, Barthold	15.00	Thorndike, Charles.....	25.00
Schmidt, Arthur P.....	10.00	Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.....	100.00
School of Miss F. V. Emery .	102.00	Thorndike, Sturgis H.....	2.00
Scudder, Horace E.....	5.00	Thorp, Mrs. J. G.....	5.00
Sears, Mrs. F. R., Jr.....	25.00	Through Miss A. P. Jackson,	50.00
Sears, Henry F.....	50.00	Through Wm. H. White....	50.00
Sears, Mrs. K. W.....	25.00	Ticknor, Miss A. E.....	50.00
Sears, Mrs. P. H.....	20.00	Tolman, Miss H. S.....	5.00
Sever, Miss Anne D.....	5.00	Tolman, James P.....	25.00
Sever, Miss Emily.....	10.00	Tufts, James W.....	100.00
Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.....	50.00	Upham, Miss Susan.....	50.00
Shaw, Miss Anna B.....	10.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin...	10.00
Shaw, Mrs. Brackley.....	5.00	Vaughan, Mrs. W. W.....	5.00
Shaw, Francis.....	10.00	Wainwright, Miss Rebecca	
Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland....	25.00	H.....	5.00
Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell..	5.00	Wales, George W.....	10.00
Shaw, Mrs. L. A.....	10.00	Walworth, Mrs. A. C.....	5.00
Shaw, Quincy A.....	40.00	Ward, Miss Anita S.....	13.00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.....	140.29	Ward, Miss C. E.....	5.00
Sheldon, Miss J. R.....	10.00	Ware, Mrs. C. E.....	25.00
Shepard, Mrs. Emily E. . .	5.00	Ware, Charles P.....	5.00
Shimmin, Miss Blanche....	10.00	Ware, Miss M. L.....	15.00
Simpkins, Miss M. W.....	5.00	Warner, C. H.....	2.00
Skinner, Mrs. Frank.....	10.00	Warren, S. D., Estate.....	100.00
Smith, Miss Alice Weston...	5.00	Weeks, Mrs. A. G.....	5.00
Smith, Miss Pauline C.....	5.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.....	5.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.....	2.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis.....	5.00
Sohier, Miss Elizabeth D....	10.00	Weld, George W.	5.00
Spalding, Miss M. R.....	10.00	Weld, Mrs. M. W.....	2.00
Spaulding, Mrs. M. D.....	100.00	Wheeler, Miss Sarah M....	2.00
Sprague, Mrs. G. W.....	2.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. Geo. W.,	5.00
Stackpole, Miss R.....	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W....	10.00
Stackpole, Mrs. S. M.....	5.00	White, Mrs. C. T.....	5.00
Staigg, Mrs. R. M.....	10.00	White, Mrs. Joseph H.....	5.00
Stetson, Amos W.....	10.00	Whitman, Henry.....	10.00
Stevenson, Miss A. B.....	5.00	Whitman, Mrs. Henry.....	50.00
Stevenson, Miss M. C.....	5.00	Whitney, Edward.....	20.00
Stone, Mrs. F.....	20.00	Whitney, Edward F.....	25.00
Stone, Miss F. H.....	5.00	Whitney, George.....	5.00
Stone, Miss Katharine H....	2.00		
Stone, Mrs. Richard.....	10.00		
Storer, Miss Abby M.....	5.00		

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Whitney, Pousland, & Co...	\$2.00	Winsor, Miss Amy T.....	\$1.00
Whittemore, Miss Maria M.,	3.00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.....	100.00
Whitwell, Miss	10.00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger.....	30.00
Whitwell, Miss Natalie....	5.00	Women's Bible Class of	
Wigglesworth, Dr. Edward,	25.00	Trinity Church.....	15.00
Wigglesworth, George.....	100.00	Wood, Henry	2.00
Wigglesworth, Thomas	50.00	Woods, Mrs. Henry.....	100.00
Wilder & Co.....	5.00	Worcester, Dr. Charles P...	75.00
Willard, Miss Helen.....	5.00	Worcester, John.....	10.00
Willard, Mrs. Z. A.....	5.00	Worcester, Miss Margaret C.,	3.00
Williams, Mrs. and the			
Misses.....	20.00	Yerxa, S. B.....	6.00
Williams, Miss Louise H...	50.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.....	25.00
Wilson, Mrs. W. P.....	3.00		
Winslow, W. T.....	5.00	Zoebisich, Pauline	2.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

Adam, Luther, papers and magazines.
 Anonymous, per Miss Mary H. Grary, \$1.00.
 Anonymous, 1 trunk full of toys.
 Appleton, Mrs. F. H., 23 articles clothing, shoes.
 Bailey, Miss Minnie G., clothing, 1 boxful, and 11 articles.
 Boston Sewing Circle, through Miss I. E. Loring, 60 articles clothing.
 Boynton, E. P., 4 pairs slippers.
 Bussell, A. H., 6 photographs of a child.
 Cabot, Mrs. J. Elliot, 13 articles clothing, 2 skate-cases.
 Cabot, Mrs. W. C., gas-stove.
 Caine, Mrs. J. E., magazines.
 Carter, Miss M. L., 4 articles clothing, 8 pairs boots and shoes, 5 hats.
 Channing Circle, Arlington-street Church, through Mrs. C. T. White, 61 articles clothing.
 Clark, L. J., 9 articles clothing, 3 pairs shoes, 4 hats.
 Club, Girls', Petersham, 23 articles clothing.
 Club, Witch Hazel, Fitchburg, through Miss Mabel Greenman, 12 articles clothing, doll, book.
 Dodge, Miss Annie M., 1 cloak.
 Eight little girls, 4 years of age, 3 copies of "Black Beauty."
 Elliot, Mrs. J. W., 1 baby carriage, toys, pictures, 14 articles clothing, shoes.
 Fitzgerald, Mrs., 18 articles clothing, 1 pair shoes.
 Friend, pair trousers.
 Gettemy, Charles F., shirt.
 Hamlin, Mrs. Estelle B., for West Barnstable Mission Band, 12 articles clothing, cap, pair shoes, 3 scrap-books, 14 games, toys, etc.
 Hayden, Mrs. J. O., magazines.
 Hinckley, Mrs. T. F., 28 articles clothing, 4 baby bonnets, toys.
 Home for Incurables, The children at, for Christmas, through Miss Helen Gordon, 8 pairs mittens, knit slippers, scarf, 14 handkerchiefs, papers, dolls, toys, etc.

- Hosmer, G. H., magazines and books.
 Ladies' Sewing Circle, Fitchburg, dress.
 Lawrence, Amory A., 60 pairs hose.
 Lawrence, Miss Gertrude S., 3 games.
 Lexington, per G. E. G., 13 books, 18 articles clothing.
 Loring, Mrs. William C., \$5.00 for subscriptions to magazines and papers, for making shirts, \$25.00.
 Moody, Miss A. A., outing suit.
 Moody, Miss Annie, 2 dresses, pair slippers.
 Needlework Guild, Boston Branch, through Mrs. W. B. Kehew, 219 articles clothing.
 Ninety Sewing Circle, through Miss Fitzgerald, 60 articles clothing.
 Normal School, Framingham, Children in Practice School, clothing, books, toys, games, potatoes, apples, oranges, etc.
 Paine, Mrs. Robert Treat, 100 copies of "Black Beauty," 100 copies of "Strike at Shame."
 Parker, Moses P., magazines and papers.
 Pitts, Mrs. L. L., 38 articles clothing, shoes, caps, 2 baby carriages.
 Pomeroy, Mrs. H. T., 2 baby carriages.
 Rackermann, Charles S., 10 articles clothing.
 Sewing Circle of Unitarian Church, Fitchburg, 11 articles clothing.
 Shaw, Francis, baby carriage.
 Stark, Miss Caroline, 2 coats.
 Stiger, Edwin T., book.
 St. John, Joseph, "Youth's Companion."
 Third Grade Primary School, Concord, 13 scrap-books, through Miss H. E. Clark, teacher.
 Weight, Mrs. George H., 2 large boxes clothing, 1 parasol, stockings, handkerchiefs, etc.

ROCK LAWN FARM.

- Bates, Miss Cynthia, clothing.
 Battelle, Eugene, case of clothing.
 Clark, E. E., confectionery.
 Davidson, Rev., fruit and confectionery.
 Flagg, Rev. J. W., magazines.
 French, Mrs. K. B., "St. Nicholas."
 Gray, Mrs. Asa, "Our Dumb Animals" and "Indian Helper."
 Gray, Mrs. L. E., papers and magazines.
 Jackson, Miss Anna P., \$5 for Thanksgiving, clothing, Christmas decorations, box for sick boys, tooth brushes, \$5 for Fourth of July, doilies, Christmas presents.
 Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. A., \$10 for Thanksgiving, Christmas presents, \$10 for Fourth of July, sweater, papers.
 Lawrence, Amory A., games.
 Lehmann, tent and fixtures.
 Loring, W. C., shoes.
 Loring, Mrs. W. C., for making shirts, \$25.00.
 Morse, Dr. F. A., 3 dozen writing-books, clothing.
 Paine, Miss Helen, books.
 Phelps, Mrs. Mary, 22 pairs of mittens, 10 wristers, confectionery.
 Potter, Mrs. W. H., books.
 Wells, Mrs., hammock.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Directors wish to express their gratitude to the doctors who, besides those that are officers, have given their services to the Society : Drs. Walter Channing, Edwin W. Dwight, Mary F. Hobart, George F. Jelly, Clara A. Leach, Grace Wolcott. At Newton (Pine Farm), Dr. Albert Nott and the dentist, Dr. E. E. Ross. At Foxborough (Rock Lawn Farm), Drs. Frank Morse and Robert Power. Also to Mr. Charles R. Morgan for carpenters' work.

They thank the managers of the several railroads who have granted them reduced rates. This has been of material value because of the large amount of travel involved in the Society's work.

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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY FOR
THE YEAR

1897

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THIRTY-THIRD YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

OCTOBER, 1896, to OCTOBER, 1897

OFFICE
43 CHARITY BUILDING, CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

THE HONORABLE GEORGE S. HALE.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Boston Children's Aid Society, held October 4, 1897, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

The Directors desire to place upon the Society's permanent records their testimony to the long-continued and devoted service of their late President, the Honorable George S. Hale. For eleven years he was the President, counsellor, and friend of the Society. Equipped for its service by a thorough acquaintance with the laws relating to the welfare of children, of essential parts of which he was himself the author, he gave freely of his time and knowledge to the suggesting, promoting, and securing of largely conceived and wisely adapted measures of State and municipal legislation to this end. He was never too busy to give advice or to take active part in the detail of the Society's work from day to day. Continually called as officer and counsellor to the decision of questions requiring judicial consideration and the nicest discrimination of conditions and possible results, in no way, perhaps, was his capacity for prompt and effective action more clearly shown. In the relations of the work to the community at large, Mr. Hale's position was one of peculiar power and efficiency. His recognition of needs and opportunities, his broad conception of relative rights and duties, and his entire fairness of view of all interests involved, made him the wise adviser of those who give as well as those who receive and use, the just arbiter of conflicting purposes and methods, and the enlightened advocate of the best-directed effort in humanitarian work, conformably to the ideals of personal, professional, and civic virtue towards which he constantly and inflexibly set his face. We shall pay our best tribute to his memory by pursuing in his spirit, and in the spirit of lives like his, the conduct of the business with which we stand charged.

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FROM ACT OF INCORPORATION.

1865.

SECTION 1. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin. . . .

ARTICLE I. OF THE BY-LAWS — *Membership* :

"The Corporation shall consist, besides those named in the Act of Incorporation, of all persons who shall have been Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Clerks, or Treasurers thereof; of such persons as shall give to the Corporation at any one time twenty-five dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of twenty-five dollars or upwards; and of such persons as shall be elected members by the Directors, by ballot, at any stated meeting of the board."

FORM OF BEQUEST

*I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of
dollars to be applied to the uses of
said corporation.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO MISS
ELLEN G. PARKER. 191 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON.

CENSUS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE SOCIETY OCT. 1, 1897.

Placed out in families	272	} Under direct and responsi- ble charge	703
In Rock Lawn Farm	25		
In their own homes	254		
Otherwise placed	17		
In institutions	47		
Still pending in Bureau of Infor- mation	88		
In Home Libraries			608
<i>Total number, Oct. 1, 1897</i>			<u>1311</u>

Received by Bureau of Information during the year, besides those above mentioned	1244		
Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on Oct. 1, 1897	153		
<i>The total number in charge during the year end- ing Oct. 1, 1897</i>			<u>1397</u>
			2708

	1895-96.	1896-97.
Under direct and responsible charge,	655	703
Total	<u>2673</u>	<u>2708</u>

METHODS OF WORK.

This Society is a general agency to receive all who come to it in the interests of children, and it aims to forward those interests by every means in its power.

Its purpose is to do preventive work, and to do it thoroughly and intelligently by the personal effort of carefully chosen men and women, trained by study and practical experience.

The work is divided into departments, each with its special agents, but all in consultation with and under the supervision of the General Secretary, with the help of the Assistant Secretary.

Every applicant comes first to the BUREAU OF ADMISSION, INFORMATION AND COUNSEL, where the aim is to discover the special need of each child, and to form some plan to meet it, after a full understanding of all the facts. This may be an easy matter, or it may involve interviews, correspondence, and inquiry covering days or weeks. The stories told show family complications of every imaginable description growing out of ignorance, poverty, degradation, or pressure of circumstances. The children are of all ages, good and bad, feeble-minded, odd, truant, and wayward; the plans suggested to help them must be equally varied, as for instance: to keep a child at home and to show how it can be done; to recommend work and find the work; to place the child at board and secure payment from those responsible for it; to place it in a free home; or to obtain for it the aid of other appropriate agencies. The results, however, compensate for the labor involved, as may be shown by the many young mothers and

The Bureau of Admission, Information and Counsel received

Oct. 1, 1896,
to Oct. 1, 1897,
1417

children, including 85 pending on Oct. 1, 1896.

448

had places found for them not involving the care of any society.

520

were referred to other agencies, as follows:

93 to Associated Charities of Boston and neighboring towns.
41 to City Departments.
78 to Overseers of the Poor of Boston and neighboring towns.
100 to Society for Destitute Mothers and Children.
27 to Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
24 to Mass. Infant Asylum.
223 to 38 different Hospitals, Asylums, Homes, Nurseries, etc.

451
taken in charge by the
Children's Aid Society,
and provided for as
follows:

120 placed in private
families.

12 placed at Rock
Lawn farm.

56 placed in care of
Probation agent.

2 placed in Home
Libraries.

9 placed in Bureau of
Information.

164 withdrawn.

88 cases pending Oct.
1, 1897.

Placing Out Agency.

Oct. 1, 1897.

Of 261 children placed
out

91 are in boarding
homes.

94 are in free homes.

51 are in homes with
wages.

25 are otherwise placed.

Total sum paid for
board, \$14,877.53.

Collected toward this
sum from relations,
\$4,191.63.

From Overseers of the
Poor, \$3,110.02.

Oct. 1, 1896,
to Oct. 1, 1897.

25

girls in charge, as
follows:

12 boarded in country
families.

6 self-supporting.

2 at home.

5 cared for in other
ways.

babies held happily together at the critical moment when separation seemed the only solution of their difficulties; by the many parents encouraged to new efforts and taught how to manage unruly children; by the boys and girls taken away from contaminating influences and given a fresh start in a new place.

The PLACING OUT AGENCY puts children taken in charge by the Society into carefully selected family homes, generally in the country, where they will be surrounded by wholesome and encouraging influences. When consistent with the welfare of the child a free home is found, but when the Society finds it necessary to pay board, it at the same time urges and enforces reimbursement from relations and guardians whenever possible; this maintains the active interest of the persons responsible, and is a stimulus to family thrift. Overseers of the Poor and others who send their children to us pay for their maintenance and supervision. Where children are able to earn wages, arrangements are made to secure the money for their benefit. In all cases the agents visit the children to advise and befriend them, to see that they are sent to school, are properly clothed and well cared for. Regular reports are made to all agencies which send us children: to the Overseers of the Poor, the Church Home, and others. A somewhat increased staff has reduced the number of cases in charge of any one person, so that more deliberate and judicious action has been possible than ever before.

A Committee of the Directors assisted by volunteer visitors have entire charge of certain placed out girls, and the friendly relations thus established are often continued after the girls have outgrown the care of the Society. By reports, correspondence, and meetings, the interest and value of this work is kept up and its standard of excellence increased, and frequent communication with the Central Office makes it possible to obtain special help in emergencies.

Boys that are too wayward to be at once placed in families are given a preliminary training at ROCK LAWN FARM at Foxboro'; here in the care of the Superintendent and his wife they learn something of their private and public responsibilities, and are taught, besides lessons in books, household and farm work. When they have proved that they can be trusted, places are found for them in the country, where they remain under the constant supervision of a special member of the placing out staff, and when later they return to the city they have the help and advice of our graduate agent. The fact that boys decidedly wayward and unmanageable are fitted to be sent into families after an average stay of nineteen months at the Farm speaks well for the training they receive while there.

Rock Lawn Farm.	
No. of boys Oct. 1, 1896	21
Admitted during year	18
Re-admitted	3
Total in charge,	42
Placed in families	8
Sent to Lyman School	1
Discharged to relatives	8
	— 17
Remaining Oct. 1, 1897	25
Average daily number	23

The GRADUATE AND PROBATION AGENT has the general and responsible supervision of the boys returned to the city from places in the country, and of many others placed on probation by the Central Municipal Court, which he attends daily. He visits them, helps them to get work, and makes them welcome at his home. The value of the services that can thus be rendered to friendless, disheartened boys by a strong and wise man to whom they know they can appeal at all times in every sort of need is impossible to estimate.

Graduate and Probation Agent.

Under supervision between Oct. 1, 1896, and Oct. 1, 1897,
375
boys.

Under supervision Oct. 1, 1897,
318

boys, as follows:

119 at work.
99 at school.
36 idle.
51 in institutions.
13 runaways and vagrants.

The sixty-six HOME LIBRARIES are placed in the homes of the children, each under the charge of a child librarian. Ten children meet a friendly visitor weekly, in the living-room of the family, where books are distributed, exchanged, and discussed, home amusements taught, and penny savings encouraged. The purpose, and we believe the result, is to foster a natural, wholesome home life, and to strengthen family and neighborhood ties, and to bring fresh and enlivening influences into daily life.

No account of our work is complete without adding to the above statement of what is done for

individuals some suggestion of the endeavor of the Society through the General Secretary to promote legislative and judicial reform undertaken in the interest of children: as, for instance, the division of the City Public Institutions into departments, the report to the Legislature on school attendance and truancy, and also constant communication and coöperation maintained by him with individuals, societies, and official commissions, in this and in other States, for carrying on research and advancing important movements.

The Society has had "under direct and responsible charge" seven per cent. more children this year than last. The payments for maintenance and clothing, including the board of boys at Rock Lawn Farm, have amounted to \$14,877.53.

The payments from parents, relations, and guardians have been \$4,191 this year and \$4,166 last year, and those of Overseers of the Poor of various cities and towns have been increased from \$2,700 to \$3,110.02. The cost of board of children over two years of age is \$2.00 per week, and the average actual cost of supervision is 50 cents per week.

We have received a large legacy from the late Thos. T. Wyman and a generous share of the estate left for charity by Miss Belinda S. Randall, which has been invested as a special fund, the income only to be spent.

From these sources we may expect an increase of income to the amount of about \$2,600; on the other hand, we lose nearly a thousand dollars by the death of benefactors of many years' standing, whose sympathy and encouragement we shall greatly miss. We trust that this report of our work, which by the rescue and reformation of children secures safety and economy for the public, may interest new friends to help us.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., TREASURER, *in account with the*

OCT. 1, 1896,

Receipts.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1896		\$2,807 92
Income from invested funds	\$4,441 91	
Received from Ashton Trust	1,250 00	
Annual subscriptions	3,268 00	
Donations for general treasury	8,479 70	
" " special children	1,001 05	
" " Christmas	117 00	
	<hr/>	18,557 66
Pine Farm rent	\$127 34	
" " insurance	1,317 00	
" " sale of furniture	190 00	
	<hr/>	1,634 34
Earned by boys at Rock Lawn Farm	\$110 00	
Sale of books, clothing, etc., at office	14 22	
Witness fees, general services, and sundries	51 07	
Home Libraries, children's flower sale	16 26	
	<hr/>	191 55
Received from the State for services of General Secretary for Truancy Commission		200 00
Received for support of children :		
" from parents, relations, and guardians	\$4,191 63	
" " Overseers of the Poor of various cities and towns	3,110 02	
" " Church Home for placing children	400 00	
" " Massachusetts Infant Asylum	279 00	
" " Children's Mission	125 00	
" " Dorchester Industrial School	300 00	
" " City Military Aid	123 00	
" " Soldiers' Relief Fund, Chelsea	15 00	
	<hr/>	8,543 65
Mortgage paid, and interest	\$2,260 63	
Sale of Oregon Short Line bonds	967 40	
" " " " stock	790 00	
	<hr/>	4,018 03
Legacy, Thomas T. Wyman Estate	\$20,000 00	
" estate of Ellen Flint	14 42	
" estate of M. A. Wales	312 50	
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Memorial Fund	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	70,326 92
	<hr/>	<u>\$106,280 07</u>

TREASURER.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

to OCT. 1, 1897.

Expenditures.

Salaries : General Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Stenographer, Book-keeper and General Assistant	\$5,551 84	
Bureau of Information, services of 4 assistants	3,150 05	
Placing Out Agency, 4 assistants and 2 half-time assistants	3,237 83	
Home libraries, 1 regular and 1 half-time assistant	987 00	
Graduates and probationers, 1 agent	1,150 00	
Office boy	177 50	
		\$14,254 22
Pine Farm, expenses and repairs		102 35
Rock Lawn Farm, salary of Superintendent	\$900 00	
Board, clothing of boys	2,432 03	
		3,332 03
Board and clothing of children placed out by Placing Out Agency	\$10,969 03	
Board and clothing of children in charge of Volunteer Committee	1,192 78	
Board and clothing of boys from training farm placed in families	244 94	
Board and clothing of children in hospital	73 08	
		12,479 83
Home libraries	\$190 36	
Graduates and probationers	28 90	
		219 26
General expenses — Christmas	\$100 73	
Annual report	157 60	
Travel	1,217 30	
Stationery, postage, and printing	702 49	
Express, telegraph, and telephone	170 04	
Light, heat, and care of office	278 55	
Equipment of office	163 82	
Sundries	193 36	
Public annual meeting	43 23	
		3,027 12
Alterations of office, builder's contract, floors and cases		1,416 50
Reinvestment in mortgage	\$2,524 65	
Investment of Thomas T. Wyman's legacy	17,698 43	
“ “ John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	48,715 29	
		68,938 37
Balance of Randall Fund uninvested		1,284 71
Balance, Oct. 1, 1897		
{ Treasurer,	\$830 87	
{ Assistant Treasurer,	271 22	
{ General Secretary,	123 59	
		1,225 68
		<u>\$106,280 07</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society covering the year ending Sept. 30, 1897, and report thereon that the footings are correct; that the income is accounted for, the payments properly vouched, and the cash and bank balances duly accounted for. I also hereby certify that the securities representing the investments have been examined and that they are in the possession of the Treasurer.

HENRY A. PIPER,
Expert Accountant,

For THEOPHILUS PARSONS,
Assistant Auditor.

BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1897.

Investments.

Thomas T. Wyman Legacy :

10 Fitchburg Railroad preferred stock . . .	\$926 88	
25 Great Falls Manufacturing Company . . .	3,459 42	
25 Amory Manufacturing Company . . .	3,456 21	
4,000 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Nebraska Division, 4 % bonds	3,660 37	
10 American Bell Telephone Company . . .	2,191 27	
Atlanta mortgage, George S. Lowndes . . .	4,004 28	
	<hr/>	\$17,698 43

John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund :

5,000 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Nebraska Division, 4 % bonds	\$4,719 22	
8,000 Chicago, Burlington, and Northern first 5 % bonds	8,555 56	
10,000 Fitchburg Railroad 4 % bonds of 1927 . .	10,553 89	
25 American Bell Telephone Company . . .	5,937 50	
88 Boston & Albany Railroad Company . . .	18,949 12	
	<hr/>	48,715 29
Reinvestment of mortgage in mortgage of Conveyancers' Title Insurance Co.		2,524 65

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Aiken, Mrs. Walter	\$1.85	Bigelow, A. S.	\$5.00
Allen, Rev. F. B.	3.00	Bigelow, Mrs. Horatio	5.00
Ames, Mrs. Frederick L. ...	25.00	Bigelow, Mrs. Joseph S.	10.00
Ames, Mrs. James B.	20.00	Bigelow, Miss M. A.	25.00
Ames, Miss Mary S.	25.00	Billings, R. C.	10.00
Amory, Miss Anna S.	113.07	Black, Mrs. G. N.	25.00
Amory, C. W.	10.00	Blake, Mrs. Arthur W.	1.64
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	25.00	Blake, Mrs. G. Baty.	20.00
Andrews, Miss Ellen	5.00	Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman	15.00
Andrews, Miss M. T.	15.00	Blake, William P.	5.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G.	15.00	Bond, Miss Mabel H.	5.00
Anonymous .....	.75	Borland, Mrs. M. W.	5.00
Anonymous, through Mrs.		Bott, Mrs. Frank.	5.00
W. C. Cabot.	100.00	Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00
Anonymous, through Miss		Bowditch, Miss Charlotte ...	5.00
A. P. Jackson.	50.00	Bowditch, Dr. H. P.	2.00
Anonymous, through Miss		Bowditch, Wm. I.	5.00
A. P. Jackson.	100.00	Bradford, Mrs. C. F.	5.00
Anonymous	15.00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	15.00
Appleton, Miss D. E.	1.00	Brewer, E. M.	25.00
Appleton, Mrs. William ...	25.00	Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin ...	2.00
Armstrong, George E.	5.00	Brewster, William.	5.00
Arnold, Augustus F.	1.00	Briesen, Mr. Hans von.	
Atkinson, George.	10.00	Brooks, Mrs. Peter C.	30.00
		Brown, Mrs. Atherton.	2.00
Bailey, Miss Elizabeth H. ..	2.00	Brown, Mrs. Shepherd.	25.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth.	5.00	Browne, Edward I.	10.00
Barnard, Mrs. George M. ...	130.00	Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	25.00
Barnard, Mrs. Mary C. E. ..	1.00	Bryant, Mrs. J. D.	2.00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	5.00	Buck, Mrs. David	5.00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie	20.00	Bullard, A. M.	2.00
Bartlett, Francis	25.00	Bullard, Stephen.	5.00
Baxter, Thompson.	5.00	Bullard, Theodore	5.00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	10.00	Bullard, Wm. S.	20.00
Beal, Thomas P.	5.00	Bumpus, E. C.	26.00
Beals, Joshua G.	10.00	Bunker, Alfred.	3.00
Beebe, J. Arthur	10.00	Burnham, Mrs. John A.	25.00
Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur	10.00	Burnham, Mrs. J. A., jr.	5.00

Burr, I. T., jr.	\$50.00	Club, Young Girls' Charitable	\$0.54
C.	10.00	Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander..	10.00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20.00	Codman, C. R.	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Francis.	10.00	Collamore, Miss	10.00
Cabot, J. Elliot	10.00	Collamore, Miss Helen	10.00
Cabot, John H.	25.00	Coolidge, Miss Matilda G. ...	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. J. S.	10.00	Coolidge, Mrs. David H. ...	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Louis	50.00	Coolidge, J. Randolph	10.00
Cabot, Dr. Richard C., proceeds of concert at Miss Anna S. Amory's	118.00	Cotting, Miss Alice	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. Richard C.	10.00	Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1.00
Cabot, Mrs. W. C.	200.00	Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.,	10.00
Capen, Samuel B.	10.00	Crafts, Mrs. James M.	50.00
Carlton, Mrs. A.	3.00	Crocker, George G.	5.00
Carter, Mrs. Wm. S.	5.00	Cross, Dr. H. B.	4.00
Cary, Miss A. P.	50.00	Cummings, Mrs. Charles A.,	5.00
Cary, Mrs. Edward M.	50.00	Cunningham, Mr. F., jr.	10.00
Cary, Miss Georgiana S.	10.00	Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. .	20.00
Cash	37.50	Curtis, Miss E.	5.00
Caswell, John.	10.00	Curtis, Miss I. P.	3.00
C. H.	10.00	Curtis, Greely S.	10.00
Chandler, Mrs. F. W.	15.00	Curtis, Mrs. Greely S.	10.00
Channing, Miss E. P.	1.00	Cushing, Grafton D.	10.00
Channing, Dr. Walter.	184.00	Cushing, Robert M.	5.002
Chase, Mrs. Wm. L.	5.00	Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5.00
Cheever, Dr. David W.	2.00	Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W.	10.00	Dana, Mrs. R. H., jr.	5.00
Cheever, Miss Helen	5.00	Darling, Edwin and Amy. ...	2.00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P.	5.00	Dean, Mrs. Charles A.	25.00
Church Home	32.29	De Long, Mrs. E. R.	2.00
Church the First, Boston ...	10.00	Denny, Clarence H.	10.00
Church, All Souls', Unitarian, Sunday School.	10.39	Denny, Miss Mary G.	2.00
Clapp, Miss Mabel D.	25.00	Dewey, Miss Mary E.	1.00
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. B. Preston.	15.00	Dexter, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Clark, Herbert.	2.00	Dexter, George	50.00
Clarke, Mrs. James Freeman,	105.00	Dexter, Mrs. Morton.	5.00
Class No. 12, Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, Melrose	14.00	Dole, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. F.,	7.00
Club, Cambridge Crickets ..	5.00	Drake, J. M. E.	5.00
Club, Girls', of Petersham, through Miss Bessie Dawes,	5.81	Drummond, Mrs. James.	10.00
Club, Lend a Hand, of Lynn,	2.00	Duncklee, Miss K. A.	2.00
Club, Witch Hazel, of Fitchburg	24.00	Durrell, O. H.	6.29
		Dwight, Edmund	10.00
		Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00
		Eliot, Samuel.	10.00
		Eliot, Mrs. Samuel.	10.00
		Ellison, Mrs. F. B.	10.00
		Emerton, Mrs. M. M.	25.00

Endicott, Henry.....	\$5.00	Gardner, Harrison.....	\$5.00
Epworth League, Cambridge, through Miss J. R. Hinch- cliffe	16.00	Gardner, Mrs. Harrison....	2.00
Erlebach, Adolph	15.00	Gay, Albert.....	2.00
Ernst, Mrs. Harold C.....	5.00	Gill, Augustus H.....	2.00
Evans, Mrs. C. W.....	2.00	Glover, Joseph B.....	50.00
Evans, Mrs. Glendower	25.00	Goddard, George A.....	25.00
Faulkner, Charles W., in memory of	50.00	Goddard, Mrs. M. T.....	5.00
Faulkner, Dr. George.....	50.00	Gorham, Mrs. W. H.....	5.00
Faxon, John G.....	5.00	Gray, Mrs. Asa	40.00
Fay, Joseph S.....	10.00	Gray, Miss Elizabeth C....	45.00
Fay, Misses Lillie, Alice, Ethel, Rosamond, and Master Richard.....	10.00	Gray, Miss Harriet.....	25.00
Fegan, Mrs. Wm. J.....	2.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00
Fenno, J. Carteret.....	10.00	Green, Charles G.	20.00
Field, Parker B.....	4.00	Greene, Mrs. F. B.....	10.00
Fisher, George J.	2.00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.....	5.00
Fiske, Mrs. J. N.....	25.00	Greenough, Charles P.....	2.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.....	200.00	Greenough, Mrs. Wm. W...	5.00
Fitzgerald, Desmond.....	5.00	Grew, Edward S.....	10.00
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Desmond..	5.00	Grew, Mrs. Edward S.....	25.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus.....	10.00	Grew, Henry Sturgis.....	50.00
Folsom, Miss Amy.....	25.00	Group 17, Home Libraries..	.12
Foote, Arthur.....	2.00	Guild, Miss H. J.	2.00
Foote, Mrs. Henry W.	5.00	Hall, John.....	26.00
Forbes, Mrs. J. Murray....	10.00	Hall, Mrs. Solomon.....	2.00
Ford, Daniel S.....	25.00	Hammer, Mrs. E. C.....	25.00
Frank, Mrs. Daniel	5.00	Hancock Sunday School, Lexington	10.00
Friend, through Miss A. P. Jackson.....	16.00	Harding, George C.....	5.00
Friend, through Miss A. P. Jackson.....	100.00	Hart, Prof. A. B.....	2.00
Friend, through Miss A. P. Jackson.....	4.00	Hartwell, Henry W.	2.00
Friend, through Parker B. Field	10.00	Hastings, Mrs. H. P.....	2.00
Frothingham, Edward.....	5.00	Haynes, John C.....	100.00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen...	5.00	Head, Mrs. Charles	5.00
Fry, Mrs. Charles.....	25.00	Hebrew Benevolent Asso...	25.00
Gahm, Sebastien.....	5.00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.....	10.00
Gaillard, Mrs. L.....	10.00	Hersee, Charles.....	10.00
Gardiner, Miss Eugenia....	15.00	Higginson, Mrs. Henry L...	15.00
Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. .	2.00	Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.....	5.00
		Hitchcock, John	10.00
		Holmes, Judge O. W.	5.00
		Homans, Mrs. John	10.00
		Houghton, Miss E. H.	128.23
		Howe, Henry S.	15.00
		Hubbard, Charles Eustis ...	10.00
		Hubbard, C. W.	54.25
		Hubbard, James M.....	5.00
		Hudson, John E.....	20.00

Hughes, W. H.	\$2.00	Loring, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus P.	\$25.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	2.00	Loring, C. W.	10.00
Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth A.,	2.00	Loring, Miss K. P.	50.00
Hunnewell, F. W.	25.00	Loring, Mrs. W. C.	140.00
Hunnewell, H. H.	150.00	Loring, The Misses	15.00
Hunnewell, Walter	25.00	Lothrop, Mrs. T. K.	25.00
Hutchins, C. F.	25.00	Loud, Miss Sarah P.	5.00
Hutchins, Mrs. C. F.	2.00	Lovering, Mrs. Charles T. ...	10.00
Hutchins, Edward W.	20.00	Lowell, Mrs. Edward J.	10.00
Hutchins, Mrs. H. G.	2.00	Lowell, Miss G.	25.00
Jackson, Miss Anna P.	55.00	Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	50.00
Jackson, Prof. C. L.	20.00	Lowell, Hon. John	10.00
Jackson, Edward	50.00	Lowell, Mrs. John	10.00
Jackson, Miss Eleanor.	10.00	Lowell, Miss Lucy.	10.00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	10.00	Lowell, Miss R. R.	5.00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25.00	Lyman, Arthur T.	10.00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	15.00	Lyman, Mrs. George H.	10.00
Jaques, Miss Helen L.	10.00	Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00
Jaynes, C. P.	25.00	Lyman, Theodore.	25.00
Jordan, Mrs. Helen L.	2.00		
Kehew, Mrs. Wm. Brown. ...	5.00	Mackiernan, Thomas.	5.00
Kennedy, Miss Louise.	25.00	Manning, Mrs. F. C.	5.00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10.00	Marston, Stephen W.	10.00
Kidder, Henry T.	10.00	Mason, Miss Ellen F.	300.00
Kimball, Mrs. C. F.	2.00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	1,700.00
Kimball, Mrs. L. C.	2.00	Mason, Mortimer B.	10.00
Ladies' Sewing Circle, Fitchburg	4.75	Mason, Wm. Powell	20.00
Lamb, H. A.	61.05	Massachusetts Charitable	
Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	401.50	Fire Society	75.00
Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan A.	4.00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10.00
Lawrence, Miss Gertrude S.,	1.00	M. A. W.	10.00
Lawrence, Miss M.	20.00	May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00
Lawrence, Right Rev. Wm.,	25.00	Means, Miss Anne M.	10.00
Lawrence, Mrs. Wm. R.	5.00	Merriam, Charles	10.00
Lawrence City Mission.	54.14	M. H. W.	10.00
Lawton, Mrs. M. A.	1.00	Mifflin, Mrs. George H.	2.00
Lee, George C.	25.00	Minot, Dr. Francis.	5.00
Lee, Henry	100.00	Mishawaka Orphan's Home,	6.57
Lee, Joseph.	30.00	Mixter, Miss M. C.	10.00
Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	2.00	M. M. E.	25.00
Lincoln, W. H.	5.00	Montgomery, William.	10.00
Livermore, T. L.	10.00	Morgan, Charles R.	9.95
Lodge, Mrs. John E.	5.00	Morse, Miss F. R.	113.43
Lootz, G.	2.00	Morse, Robert M.	25.00
		Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
		Moseley, Mrs. Alexander ...	5.00
		Moseley, Miss	5.00

Motley, Mrs. Edward.....	\$10.00	Rackemann, C. S.....	\$5.00
Motley, Mrs. E. Preble.....	10.00	Randall, Miss Belinda L.	300.00
Murdock, Miss Maria.....	10.00	Read, Miss S. E.....	25.00
Nash, Bennett H.	10.00	Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howell....	5.00
New Bedford Orphan's Home,	166.86	Revere, Mrs. P. J.....	2.00
Nichols, Benjamin W.....	25.00	Reynolds, W. H.....	25.00
Nichols, Mrs. F. W.....	5.00	Richards, Mrs. S. B.....	25.00
Nichols, Miss M. P.....	5.00	Richardson, Dr. W. L.....	100.00
Nickerson, Andrew	10.00	Rockwell, Mrs. Alfred P.	10.00
Nickerson, Howard T.	2.00	Rodman, S. W.....	5.00
Otis, Mrs. William C.....	20.00	Rogers, Miss A. P.....	1,257.20
Paine, The Misses.....	50 00	Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	15.00
Paine, Robert Treat, Asso-		Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00
ciation	300.00	Ropes, John C.	20.00
Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.,	6.00	Russell, Mrs. R. S.	10.00
Palfrey, Miss S. H.	2.00	Russell, Thomas H.....	5.00
Parker, Charles W.	5.00	Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett ..	10.00
Parker, Miss E. G.....	10.00	Saltonstall, Mrs. Richard M.,	15.00
Parker, Miss Eleanor S....	5.00	Sargent, Mrs. Charles S. ...	10.00
Parkinson, Mrs. John	25.00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00
Parkman, Miss E. W. S. ...	5.00	Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop....	100.00
Parsons, The Misses	10.00	Schlesinger, Barthold	10.00
Parsons, Mrs. Georgiana ...	10.00	Schmidt, Arthur P.....	10.00
Parsons, Theophilus	55.00	School of Miss F. V. Emer-	
Peabody, F. H.	25.00	son	135.00
Peabody, Miss Mary C.....	5.00	Scudder, Horace E.	5.00
Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott..	15.00	Seaman's Orphan and Chil-	
Pearman, Mrs. S. B.	8.00	dren's Friend Society.....	104.10
Pearson, Miss Adelaide.....	5.00	Sears, Henry F.....	50.00
Phillips, Mrs. John C.....	50.00	Sears, Mrs. K. W.....	25.00
Pickering, Henry G.	7.60	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	20.00
Pickering, Mrs. Henry	100.00	Sever, Miss Emily.....	10.00
Pickman, Mrs. D. L.....	25.00	Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	50.00
Pickman, Mrs. W. D.	20.00	Shaw, Miss Anna B.	10.00
Pierce, Henry L.....	100.00	Shaw, Francis	10.00
Pierce, Mrs. N. W.....	5.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland....	25.00
Pierce, Phineas	2.00	Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell..	5.00
Pierce, Wallace L.	5.00	Shaw, Mrs. L. A.....	10.00
P. M.	10.00	Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100.00
Potter, Mrs. W. B.....	10.00	Shepard, Mrs. Otis.....	5.00
Proctor, Mrs. M. B.....	10.00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche....	10.00
Putnam, Miss E. C., Trustee,	20.00	Simpkins, Miss M. W.....	5.00
Putnam, Mrs. George	10.00	Smith, Miss Pauline C.....	5.00
Putnam, Mrs. James J.	5.00	Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00
Putnam, Mrs. S. R.	10.00	Sohier, Miss Elizabeth D...	5.00
		Solberg, Mrs. Adelaide.....	2.00
		Sprague, Dr. F. P.....	10.00

Sprague, Mrs. G. W.....	\$2.00	Welch, Charles A.	\$50.00
Stackpole, Miss R.....	5.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.....	5.00
Staigg, Mrs. R. M.....	10.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis.....	5.00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5.00	Weld, George W.	5.00
Stone, Miss Katharine H. ..	2.00	Weld, Mrs. M. W.	5.00
Storer, Miss Abby M.....	5.00	West End Nursery and	
Stratton, Charles E.....	2.00	Children's Hospital.....	10.50
Stratton, Mrs. Charles E....	5.00	Wheeler, Mrs. A. S.....	5.00
Stuart, Miss Josephine B....	20.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. G. W...	5.00
Sunday School of Cong.		Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W. ...	10.00
Church, Lincoln, Mass. ...	25.00	White, Mrs. C. T.	5.00
Swain, George F.....	2.00	White, Mrs. Joseph H.	5.00
		Whitman, Henry	10.00
Tapley, Amos P.....	5.00	Whitman, Mrs. Henry	50.00
Tappan, Miss M. A.....	50.00	Whitney, Edward F.....	25.00
Thacher, Mrs. Charles A. ..	5.00	Whitney, George	5.00
Thayer, Mrs. Nathaniel.....	100.00	Whitney, Pousland, & Co...	2.00
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.....	10.00	Whittemore, Miss Maria M .	3.00
Thorndike, Charles	25.00	Whitwell, Miss	10.00
Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.....	100.00	Whitwell, Miss Natalie S. .	5.00
Thorndike, Sturgis H.	2.00	Wigglesworth, George	100.00
Thorp, Mrs. J. G.....	5.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	50.00
Through Miss A. P. Jackson,	10.00	Wilder & Co.....	5.00
Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00	Willard, Miss Helen.....	5.00
Tolman, James P.....	25.00	Willard, Mrs. Z. A.	5.00
Turner, Henry A.....	5.00	Williamis, Mrs. and the	
		Misses.....	20.00
Upham, Miss Susan.....	50.00	Williams, J. D.	10.00
		Williams, Miss Louise H....	50.00
Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin...	10.00	Wilson, Mrs. W. P.	3.00
Vaughan, Mrs. W. W.....	5.00	Winslow, W. T.	5.00
		Winsor, Miss Amy T.	1.00
Wachter, Charles H.....	2.00	Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	100.00
Wainwright, Miss Rebecca P.	5.00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger.....	30.00
Walker, Guy Warren.....	10.00	Wood, Henry.....	2.00
Walworth, Mrs. A. C.....	5.00	Woods, Henry	100.00
Ward, Miss Anita S.....	5.00	Worcester, Dr. Charles P. .	75.00
Ward, Miss C. E.	5.00	Worcester, John.....	10.00
Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25.00	Worcester, Miss Margaret C.,	3.00
Ware, Miss M. L.....	10.00		
Warner, C. H.....	2.00		
Weeks, Mrs. A. G.....	5.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.....	25.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

- Appleton, Mrs. F. H., 9 articles clothing, 2 pairs shoes.
Anonymous, 9 pairs gloves.
Boynton, E. P., 20 pairs shoes.
Carter, Mrs. C. M., 11 articles underclothing.
Channing, Miss Eva, 25 books.
Channing Circle, Arlington St. Church, through Mrs. C. T. White, 33 articles clothing.
Clark, Miss Ruth K., 9 articles clothing.
Davis, Miss Eleanor, 2 books.
Farquhar, R. & J., flower seeds.
Friend, 2 articles clothing, 1 pair rubbers.
Hinckley, Mrs. T. F., 46 articles clothing, 3 handkerchiefs, 1 book, candy.
Jackson, Miss A. P., subscription to paper.
Jenkins, Mrs. E. C., for West Barnstable Mission Band, 6 articles clothing, knit slippers, dolls, picture books, scrap books, toys, candy.
Jones, Miss Sadie, 2 pairs reins, silk handkerchiefs, games, toys, candy.
Ladies' Sewing Circle, Fitchburg, 10 articles clothing, 1 pair shoes, 1 pair rubbers.
Lamb, Mrs. H. A., 26 articles clothing.
Locke, Miss Mary, 13 articles clothing, 3 bonnets, 1 pair shoes.
Loring, Mrs. W. C., \$5.00 subscription to papers.
Murdoch, Miss L. H., 7 articles clothing.
Needlework Guild of America, Boston Branch, 91 articles clothing.
Nine Little Girls, through Miss Lillian Allen, 3 books.
Noyes, Miss E. W., child's nursery chair.
Rackemann, Charles S., 24 articles clothing, 1 pair slippers, 4 pairs skates.
Read, Mrs. John, \$2.95 for suit of clothes for boy, 1 infant's outfit.
Roberts, Elbridge C., 24 books.
Rogers, Mr., 9 articles clothing.
Rogers, Miss A. P., \$5.00 subscription to papers.
Sunday School Class, Church of the Disciples, 1 book.
Whipple, Mrs. E. P., 28 books.
Witch Hazel Club, 7 articles clothing, 1 pair boots, 1 pair rubbers.

ROCK LAWN FARM.

- Barnard, Mrs. George M., \$20.00 for Christmas presents.
Battelle, Eugene, large box of papers.
Boyden, Miss Emily, papers.
Carpenter, David, flower seeds.
Forsyth, Miss Jennie, confectionery.

Foxborough Cash Store, bag of crackers.

French, Mrs. K. B., St. Nicholas.

Gray, Mrs. Asa, Our Dumb Animals and Indian Helper.

Gray, Mrs. L. E., papers.

Jackson, Miss Annie P., \$5.00 for Thanksgiving, confectionery twice, clothing 3 times, \$5.00 Fourth of July.

Jackson, Chas. L., clothing and flower seeds.

Jackson, Mrs. P. T., confectionery.

Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. A., \$10.00 for Thanksgiving, \$1.00 for yarn, \$10.00 Fourth of July, Youth's Companion.

Leavitt, Mrs. Charlotte, yarn.

Litchfield, Miss Mary E., chest-weights.

Morse, Dr. F. A., pens, pencils, and clothing.

Morse, Miss Hattie, box of papers.

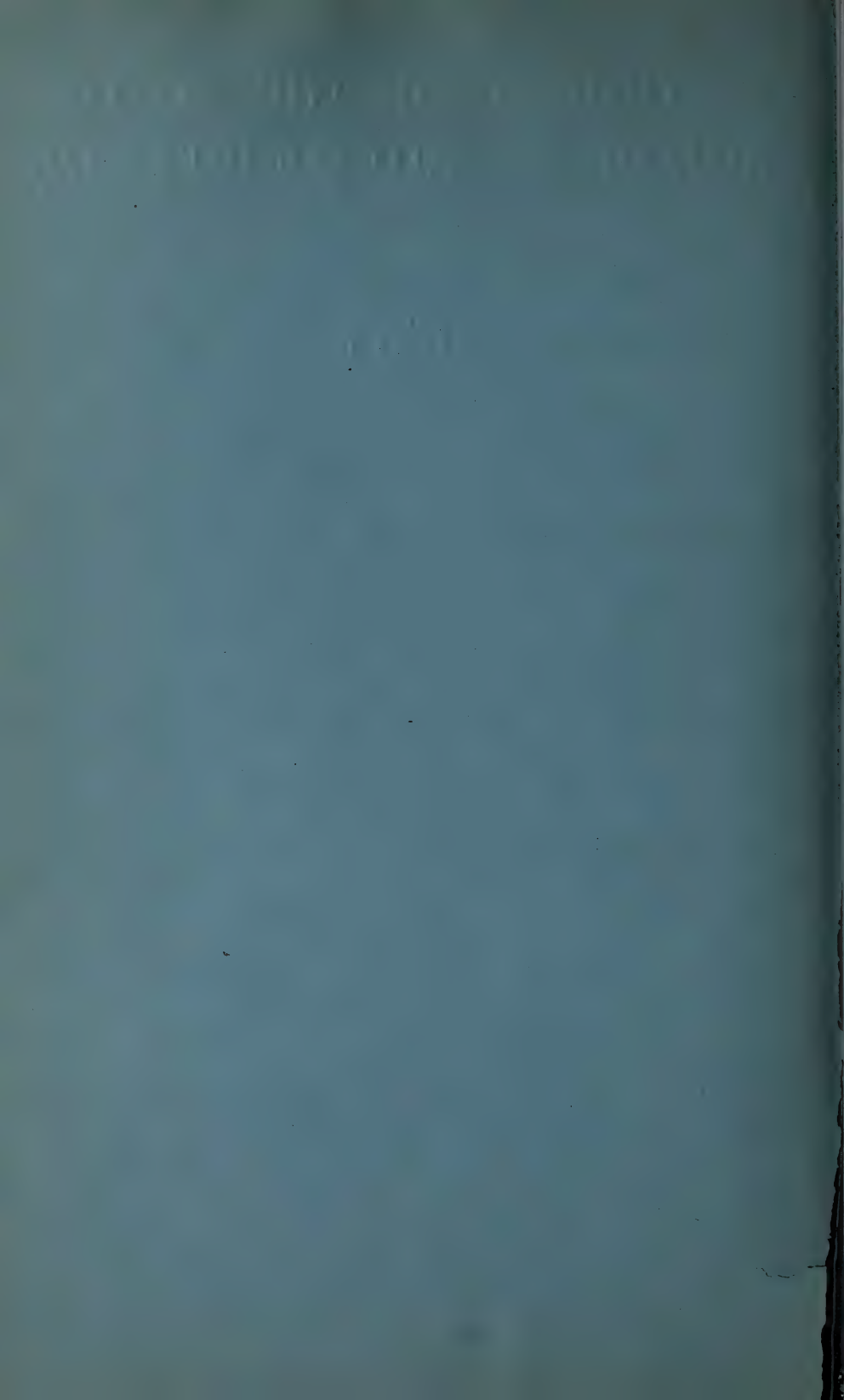
Phelps, Mrs. Mary, papers, 22 handkerchiefs, cuffs.

Wells, Mrs., bundle of papers.

The Congregational Church has as usual most kindly provided our boys with free seats.

STATEMENT OF THE BOSTON
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY FOR
THE YEAR

1898



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THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

OCTOBER, 1897, to OCTOBER, 1898.

OFFICE
43 CHARITY BUILDING, CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

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Miss E. R. STORROW, 417 Beacon St.

Miss KATHARINE P. LORING, Pride's Crossing.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, 87 Milk St.

OFFICIAL STAFF, 1898-9.

OFFICE: 43 CHARITY BUILDING.

CHARDON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

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Assistant Secretary.

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Home Libraries.—Miss JESSIE F. BEALE.

General Assistant.—FRED E. HAYNES.

Agent.—Miss GRACE LEE.

Bookkeeper.—Miss SARAH M. JOHNSON.

Stenographer.—Miss JANE PRATT.

Training Farm — Superintendent and Matron.

Rock Lawn Farm, Foxborough.—Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES N. MORSE.

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Miss Bessie H. Lyman,

Mrs. C. S. Minot,
Miss Jane R. Reynolds,
Miss Mary R. Reynolds,
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Mrs. Charles W. Birtwell,

Miss Elizabeth H. Houghton,

Miss Frances M. Birtwell.

Volunteer Book Reviewers.

Mrs. James Brown,

Miss Mary Dewey,

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Mrs. Franklin T. Beatty,
Mrs. Clarence H. Blackall,
Miss Madeline Blanchard,
Mr. Stephen L. Breed,
Miss Emily Loring Brooks,
Miss Eva Channing,
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Miss Sarah E. Coates,
Mrs. Charles Carleton Coffin,
Miss Helen Costello,
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Mr. Frederick Holland Day,
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Miss Margaret Dodge,
Miss Etta Dunn,
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Miss Mabel Foster,
Mr. Richard W. Foster,
Miss Susie French,
Miss Laura Furness,
Mrs. Mary Gaillard,
Miss Mary L. Gaylord,
Mrs. Alice Gould,
Miss Sarah J. Greene,
Miss Mary Haley,
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Miss Martha Hobart,
Miss Elizabeth H. Houghton,
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Miss Ruth Parker,
Miss Mary E. Patterson,
Miss G. F. Penniman,
Mr. Clark Peterson,
Mr. Philip G. Randall,
Miss Edith G. Reed,
Miss Estelle Reid,
Miss Mary E. Reynolds,
Miss Sallie H. Rogers,
Miss Irene Rothschild,
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Miss Mignonette Smith,
Miss Mary W. Storrs,
Miss Mary A. Tappan,
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Mr. H. C. Ward,
Miss Clara Ware,
Miss Katharine Ware,
Miss Lilian Wiley,
Mr. Butler R. Wilson,
Miss Mabel E. Wilson.

FROM ACT OF INCORPORATION.

1865.

SECTION 1. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin. . . .

ARTICLE I. OF THE BY-LAWS — *Membership* :

"The Corporation shall consist, besides those named in the Act of Incorporation, of all persons who shall have been Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Clerks, or Treasurers thereof; of such persons as shall give to the Corporation at any one time twenty-five dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of twenty-five dollars or upwards; and of such persons as shall be elected members by the Directors, by ballot, at any stated meeting of the board."

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of
dollars to be applied to the uses of
said corporation.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO MISS
ELLEN G. PARKER, 191 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON.

CENSUS OF CHILDREN IN CARE OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

Placed out in families	258	} Under direct charge	611
Otherwise placed	80		
In Rock Lawn Farm	19		
In their own homes	254		
In institutions			39
Still pending in Bureau of Information			99
In Home Libraries			636
<i>Total number, Oct. 1, 1898</i>			<u>1385</u>

Received by Bureau of Information during the year, besides those already mentioned	1443
Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on Oct. 1, 1898	112
	<u>1555</u>

*Total number in charge during the year ending
Oct. 1, 1898* **2940**

	1895-96.	1896-97.
Under direct charge	655	703
<i>Totals</i>	<u>2,673</u>	<u>2,708</u>

THE OBJECT AND WORK OF THE SOCIETY.

This Society maintains a vital interest in all that concerns the welfare of dependent children, all who suffer from want of proper care and protection; every applicant is received without reference to age, color, creed, or nationality. The OBJECT of the Society is, after studying the condition of each child, to remove its difficulties and dangers and to put it in the way to become a healthy moral being and useful citizen.

The fundamental principle of the Society is to place each child in a home, if possible to keep it in its own family, and to enforce the responsibility of parents or natural guardians for it; this can be done, even when conditions appear most unfavorable, by exercising every possible influence for the reform and mutual dependence of both parents and children. When the child's own home is impossible, or it has no person who can make one for it, a home is provided by the Society, in which it often becomes a real member of the family. Although we endeavor to avoid institution life, because of its dehumanizing tendency, in certain cases a resort to children's homes, hospitals, asylums, and reformatories is unavoidable. In such cases they are freely made use of.

Besides the family life of the child we take into earnest consideration its position as citizen, or member of the community, constantly studying the laws that govern it, and assisting to bring about reform in legislation and usage, especially in cases where responsibility for the existence of the child is evaded.

It is evident from this account of the object of the Society that its work must be done by intelligent and devoted men and women, persons not only of general education, but those who have experience and knowledge of child conditions on the one hand and of the resources available to help them on the other. To this end the Directors find it expedient to spend a large portion of the income of the Society in salaries, thereby engaging the services of a General Secretary of well-earned reputation, who is consulted by individuals,

societies, and legislative bodies in all parts of the country, and of a staff of assistants and agents fitted in all respects for their responsible and arduous duties. They know of persons and societies interested in special directions, of doctors and hospitals, of schools and institutions, of laws and courts; they have records and books to consult, and they are in constant communication with a great variety of agencies. All difficult questions are referred to the General Secretary, whose long experience of the worst phases of child life and its surroundings makes him an authority.

The President and Directors exercise vigilant oversight of the work, and are in constant communication with the Secretary and agents; and not this only, they take active part in the conduct of the departments.

To systematize the work and to insure efficiency the Society is divided into departments: the duty of receiving, investigating and deciding upon the treatment of applicants falls to the Bureau of Admission, Information and Counsel. Each applicant is received by one of the agents of this department, who takes charge of the case, talks with the child, studies its circumstances, communicates with relations and guardians, and has every resource of the office at command in reaching a decision as to the best thing to do for it. Experience teaches that a large proportion of applicants need only temporary help from the Society; parents are enabled through friendly advice or urgent remonstrance and encouragement to help themselves and to keep their children under their own control. This advice and oversight may be continued for months, the parents and child returning for a friendly word or assistance. Full record of each child's case is filed for reference.

When it is decided that a child must be provided with a home by the Society it is turned over to the Placing Out Departments, or to the Committee for Volunteer Visitors, all details as to its financial support having been arranged. For the moral benefit, even more than for economy, the parents or natural guardians of the child are obliged to pay for its support. In some cases the overseers of the towns where the child has legal residence pay for its maintenance; when no other expedient is found it becomes a charge upon the benevolence of some charitable individual or the general treasury of the Society.

The agents of the Placing Out Department find suitable homes for the children, and each child is provided with a visitor from the agents of the department or from the volunteers; this visitor becomes

its caretaker and its friend, a relation that often extends beyond the limits of childhood. According to age and ability, the children are taken into the homes, as boarders, free, or as wage-earners; in all cases they are constantly visited, advised, befriended and admonished by their appointed guardian. This care involves unceasing vigilance and endeavor: to suit the home to the child, and the child to the home, and to attend to its moral, mental, and physical education. A point much insisted on, owing to the teaching of experience, is that no agent should be expected to take care of more than sixty children if this care is to be thorough. Hardly enough appreciation can be expressed of the devotion, patience, and good sense of the women who take in these waifs and strays and make a home for them.

Boys under fifteen years of age that are truants, insubordinate, wayward, or under criminal prosecution are sent to our home, "Rock Lawn Farm," at Foxboro', Mass. Here they are taught farming, household work and common school branches. The man and wife who take charge of these boys are really parents to them, and by their gentleness, firmness and wisdom they fit them to take their place as member of a family or to return to their own people. In the first case they are given over to the care of the Placing Out Committee; in the second to the Committee on Graduates and Probationers, whose agent becomes their friend, helps them to find work, and to live honest, wholesome lives. This agent also attends the Municipal Court, and receives "on probation" certain boys under seventeen years of age; he looks after boys exposed to crime by inheritance or example, keeping them out of court, and helping them to support themselves.

The work of the Home Library Department is done in the homes of the children, where centres are formed for instruction and recreation. A library of twenty volumes in a portable case in the care of a child librarian finds a place in his family. The children of the neighborhood who are members of this library group meet once a week with our library agent, or a volunteer visitor, to exchange books, play games, and deposit savings. The collections of books are most carefully reviewed and chosen; they are changed often enough to keep the children supplied with fresh reading. By means of these libraries and the social meetings, not only is the habit formed of reading good books, but the pleasure of home life is increased and life-long friendships are formed.

The Society has at its office a carefully chosen collection of books

of the literature and law in regard to children, which is at the service of all who wish to consult it.

The work of the Society increases steadily year by year. The number of children who have applied for help this year is greater than ever before; they have come from a greater number of sources, and in disposing of them we have applied to a greater number of agencies. The first fact means that our work has been good enough to impress people, and to induce them to come to us when they have difficult child problems to solve; the second fact means that we are constantly gaining knowledge of what other people are able and willing to do.

In the list of agencies whose assistance we have claimed we find the Associated Charities of five towns besides that of Boston, the Overseers of the Poor of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and Hyde Park; twenty-one societies have been appealed to, and all have promptly responded.

Although our income from invested funds has increased, our main dependence is upon donations and subscriptions. We trust that this account of what we undertake and accomplish will interest the public to supply us even more generously with the money we really need.

For details of numbers and expenditures see Census on page 6, and the Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., TREASURER, *in account with the*

OCT. 1, 1897

Receipts.

Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1897		\$2,510 39
Income from invested funds	\$6,323 62	
Received from Ashton Trust	1,350 00	
Annual subscriptions	3,647 00	
Donations for general treasury	7,271 23	
Receipts in response to calendar	844 00	
Donations for special children	827 71	
	<hr/>	20,263 56
Rent of Pine Farm	\$485 33	
Earned by boys at Rock Lawn Farm	75 00	
Sale of various articles and witness fees	13 23	
Refunds	3 91	
	<hr/>	577 47
Received from Sociable Club, Longwood	\$100 00	
“ “ “ Afternoons in Ole Virginny ”	1,117 40	
	<hr/>	1,217 40
Received from State for services and expenses of General Secretary		407 89
Received from parents, relations, and guardians of children	\$4,410 38	
Received from Overseers of the Poor of cities and towns and City Military Aid	2,712 06	
Received from Church Home	400 00	
“ “ Children’s Mission	125 00	
“ “ Massachusetts Infant Asylum	125 00	
“ “ various charitable societies	867 22	
	<hr/>	8,639 66
Mortgage paid	\$5,000 00	
Sale of Fitchburg R.R. 4 per cent. bonds	5,265 58	
Borrowed	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	11,765 58
Legacy of Henry L. Pierce		5,000 00
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		\$50,381 95
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I hereby certify that the securities representing the investments have been examined by me and that they are in the possession of the Treasurer.

EDWARD JACKSON,
Auditor.

BOSTON, November 30, 1898.

TREASURER.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

to Oct. 1, 1898.

Expenditures.

Salaries of General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Stenographer, Bookkeeper, and General Assistant,	\$6,296 24	
Bureau of Information, 4 assistants	3,305 00	
Placing Out Agency, 6 assistants	3,361 73	
Home Libraries, one regular and one evening as- sistant, Graduates and probationers, one agent,	2,032 13	
Office boy	218 25	
	<hr/>	\$15,213 35
Rock Lawn Farm, salary of Superintendent	\$900 00	
Board and clothing of boys	2,023 71	
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Board and clothing of children in charge of Placing Out Agency	\$10,816 06	
Board and clothing of children in charge of Volun- teer Committee	1,750 32	
Expenses of special cases	78 25	
	<hr/>	12,644 63
Home Libraries	\$203 37	
Graduates and probationers	18 15	
	<hr/>	221 52
General expenses — Christmas	\$35 90	
Travel	1,444 30	
Stationery, postage, and printing	825 02	
Express, telegraph, and telephone	202 46	
Light, heat, and care of office	359 10	
Supplies, and equipment of office	291 19	
Sundries, including revenue stamps	110 53	
Annual report, and public meeting	147 98	
Expense of calendar, and postage	264 01	
	<hr/>	3,680 49
Alterations of office	\$602 00	
Auditor	30 00	
Insurance premium	22 00	
Pine Farm expenses	1,104 29	
	<hr/>	1,758 29
Reinvestment	\$4,506 18	
Investment of Henry L. Pierce legacy	4,566 81	
Payment of loan	1,500 67	
	<hr/>	10,573 66
	<hr/>	\$47,015 65
Balance, Oct. 1, 1898	{ Treasurer, \$2,885 46	
	{ Assistant Treasurer, 220 96	
	{ General Secretary, 259 88	
	<hr/>	3,366 30
	<hr/>	\$50,381 95

I. TUCKER BURR, JR.,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1898, and find that the footings are correct, that vouchers have been seen for disbursements, that the income has been accounted for, and the cash and bank balances identified.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT,
Corporation Auditor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Names marked with an asterisk are of persons who have died.

Adams, Mrs. Walter B.	\$2.00	Beals, Joshua G.	10.00
Aiken, Mrs. Walter.	5.00	Beebe, J. Arthur.	10.00
Alexander, E.	2.00	Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur.	12.00
Ames, Mrs. Frederick L.	25.00	Benedict, Mrs. William G. ..	2.00
Ames, Mrs. James B.	20.00	Benson, Miss, for Christ-	
Ames, Miss Mary S.	25.00	mas	2.00
Amory, Miss Anna S.	45.82	Berlin, Dr. Fanny	2.00
Amory, Arthur	2.00	Bigelow, A. S.	5.00
Amory, C. W.	10.00	Bigelow, Mrs. J. S.	10.00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	10.00	Bigelow, Miss Mary A.	25.00
Amory, F. I.	2.00	Bigelow, Miss Mary C.	5.00
Andrews, Miss Ellen	11.33	Billings, R. C.	10.00
Andrews, Miss M. T.	15.00	Blake, Mrs. Arthur W.	104.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G.	10.00	Blake, Mrs. George Baty.	20.00
Anthony, S. Reed.	2.00	Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman	5.00
Appleton, Mrs. William	25.00	Blake, William P.	5.00
Armstrong, George E.	5.00	Blanchard, S. S.	2.00
Arnold, Augustus F.	1.00	Blancy, F. H.	2.00
Atkinson, George	10.00	Blodget, William.	4.00
		Bloom, William.	2.00
B. L. G.	2.00	Boardman, Thomas	1.00
Bailey, Miss Elizabeth H. ..	2.00	Bond, Miss Mabel H.	5.00
Bailey, H. B.	5.00	Borland, Mrs. M. W.	5.00
Baker, Harvey H.	2.00	Boston Provident Associa-	
Baldwin, William H.	2.00	tion	15.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth.	5.00	Botts, Harold Park, in mem-	
Barnard, Mrs. George M.	50.00	ory of.	5.00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	5.00	Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00
Barnes, Charles B., jr.	2.00	Bowditch, Dr. Henry P.	2.00
Barron, C. W.	2.00	Bowditch, W. I.	5.00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie.	20.00	Bradley, Mrs. R. S.	2.00
Bartlett, Francis	25.00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	15.00
Bartlett, Miss M. H.	2.00	Brewer, E. M.	25.00
Bassett, I. Austin.	2.00	Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin.	2.00
Bates, John L.	2.00	Brewster, Frank.	2.00
Baxter, Thompson	2.00	Brewster, William.	5.00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	5.00	Brigham, Cyrus.	2.00
Beal, Thomas P.	5.00	Brooks, Miss Fanny.	5.00

Brooks, Frederick	2.00	Cash	2.00
Brooks, John	2.00	Cash	2.00
Brooks, Mrs. Peter C.	30.00	Cash	2.00
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	25.00	Cash	2.00
Brown, Mrs. Atherton T....	2.00	Cash	2.00
Brown, C. H. C.	2.00	Cash	2.00
Browne, Mrs. Causten.....	2.00	Cash	2.00
Browne, Edward I.	10.00	Cash	2.00
Browne, Miss Harriet T....	2.00	Cash	2.00
Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	25.00	Cash	2.00
Bryant, Mrs. J. D.	2.00	Cash	2.00
Buck, Mrs. David	5.00	Cash	2.00
Bullard, Alfred M.	4.00	Cash	2.00
Bullard & Davenport	2.00	Cash, Dorchester	2.00
Bullard, J. R.	2.00	Cash, Foxboro'	2.00
Bullard, Stephen	5.00	Cash, Franconia	2.00
Bullard, Theodore	11.37	Cash, Lynn	2.00
Bullard, Mrs. William S....	20.00	Cash, Magnolia	2.00
Bunker, Alfred	3.00	Cavanagh, G. H.	2.00
Burdett, Mrs. Charles A. ...	2.00	Chandler, Miss	2.00
Burdett, E. W.	2.00	Chandler, Mrs. F. W.	32.00
Burnham, Everett	2.00	Channing, Miss E. P.	1.00
Burnham, Mrs. John A.	25.00	Channing, Dr. Walter	45.15
Burnham, Mrs. John A., jr..	5.00	Chapin, George F.	2.00
Burr, I. Tucker, jr.	50.00	Chaplin, H. W.	2.00
Burrage, Harry L.	2.00	Chase, Mrs. Wm. L.	5.00
Butler, John Haskell	2.00	Cheever, Dr. David W.	2.00
"C."	10.00	Cheever, Mrs. David W....	10.00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20.00	Cheever, Miss Helen	5.00
Cabot, J. Elliot	10.00	Cheney, Mrs. B. P.	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. Francis	10.00	Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.	2.00
Cabot, John H.	25.00	Church Home	315.15
Cabot, Mrs. J. S.	10.00	Clark, Mr. and Mrs. B. Pres-	
Cabot, Mrs. Louis	50.00	ton	15.00
Cabot, Mrs. Richard C.	10.00	Clark, Chester W.	1.00
Cabot, Mrs. Walter C.	200.00	Clark, Francis E.	2.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry	2.00	Clark, Herbert	2.00
Campbell, B. F.	2.00	Clark, J. P.	2.00
Campbell, Rev. William R. ..	2.00	Clark, Mrs. John T.	2.00
Capen, Samuel B.	10.00	Clark, Louis M.	2.00
Carter, Mrs. William S.	5.00	Clark, W. G.	2.00
Carter, Rice & Co. Corp....	5.00	Clarke, Miss L. Freeman ...	4.00
Carter's Ink Company	2.00	Class No. 12, Methodist	
*Cary, Miss A. P.	40.00	Episcopal Sunday School,	
Cary, Mrs. Edward M.	50.00	Melrose	21.00
Cary, Miss G. S.	10.00	Class Sunday School, Church	
Case, Mrs. James B.	8.00	of Disciples, through Miss	
		Lilian Andrews	1.50

Clementson, Sidney.....	2.00	Curtis, Mrs. Louis.....	2.00
Club, the Crickets, Cambridge.....	5.00	Curtis, Nelson.....	2.00
Club, Lexington, Lend-a-Hand, through Clara W. Harrington.....	6.00	Cushing, Grafton D.....	10.00
Club, Minute, All Souls' Church, Roxbury.....	2.78	Cushing, Robert M.....	25.00
Club, Petersham Girls'.....	11.33	Cutter, Dr. E. G.....	2.00
Club Sociable of Longwood, Helen Dorr Morse, Treasurer; Miriam Coffin, Harriet C. Cunningham, Hetty S. Cunningham, jr., Constance Cunningham, Susannah Cunningham, Louise Whiting.....	100.00	Cutter, D. J.....	2.00
Cobb, A. B.....	2.00	Dabney, Mrs. L. S.....	5.00
Cobb, Charles K.....	2.00	Dale, Mrs. Eben.....	5.00
Coburn, Mrs. Helen G.....	2.00	Dana, Mrs. R. H., jr.....	5.00
Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander..	10.00	Davis, Mrs. Simon.....	2.00
Codman, C. R.....	10.00	Dean, Mrs. Charles A.....	25.00
Coleman, C. A.....	5.00	Dedham Boys' Home.....	61.78
Collamore, Miss.....	10.00	De Long, Mrs. E. R.....	2.00
Collamore, Miss Helen....	10.00	Denny, Miss Mary G.....	3.00
Concord Dramatic Club....	19.00	Denny, Robert B.....	5.00
Converse, Mrs. C. C.....	2.00	Denton, Eben.....	2.00
Converse, Stanton & Co....	2.00	Dewey, Miss Mary E.....	1.00
Coolidge, Mrs. David H....	10.00	Dexter, Mrs. C. W.....	5.00
Coolidge, Julian L.....	50.00	Dexter, George.....	50.00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph	10.00	Dexter, Mrs. Morton.....	5.00
Coolidge, Miss Matilda G...	5.00	Dexter, William S.....	2.00
Cotting, Miss Alice.....	5.00	Dole & Bailey.....	2.00
Covel, Mrs. A. S.....	1.00	Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F...	7.00
Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.,	10.00	Dorchester Industrial School,	24.31
Crafts, Mrs. James M.....	50.00	Draper, F. W.....	2.00
Crapo, William W.....	2.00	Dumaresq, P. K.....	2.00
Crocker, George G.....	7.00	Dunbar, James S.....	2.00
Crosby, S. M.....	2.00	Dunklee, Miss Kate A.....	2.00
Cross, Dr. H. B.....	5.00	Dwight, Edmund.....	10.00
Cummings, Mrs. Charles A.,	5.00	Eastman, F. W.....	2.00
Cunningham, Mrs. F., jr....	10.00	Eaton, Miss G. G.....	10.00
Curtis, Mrs. Allen.....	2.00	Edmands, T. R. B.....	2.00
Curtis, Mr. & Mrs. Charles P.,	20.00	Elder, R. J.....	2.00
Curtis, Mrs. Greely S.....	20.00	*Eliot, Dr. Samuel.....	10.00
Curtis, Mrs. H. G.....	5.00	Eliot, Mrs. Samuel.....	10.00
Curtis, Miss Isabella P.....	3.00	Elliot, Mrs. J. W.....	10.00
Curtis, Louis.....	20.00	Ellis, Miss Cora E.....	200.00
		Ellis, Miss Emily B.....	25.00
		Emerson, School of Miss F. V.....	30.00
		Epworth League, Cambridge,	16.00
		Erlebach, Adolph.....	15.00
		Ernst, Mrs. Harold C.....	5.00
		Evans, Mrs. Glendower....	25.00
		Farwell, Miss Susan W.....	2.00

Faulkner, Dr. George	50.00	Goddard, George A.	25.00
Fay, Misses and Master.....	10.00	Goddard, Mrs. M. T.....	5.00
Fay, Mr. J. S., jr.	2.00	Goddard, R. H. I.....	10.00
Fay, Miss Sarah M.	2.00	Goldthwaite, Joel E.....	2.00
Fegan, Mrs. Wm. J.....	2.00	Goodyear Shoe Co.	25.00
Fessenden, G. B., jr.....	2.00	Gorham, Robert S.....	5.00
Field, Dr. Charles S.....	.25	Gray, Mrs. Asa	110.00
Field, Dr. Charles W.....	2.00	Gray, Miss Harriet.....	25.00
Field, Parker B.	2.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00
Fisher, George J.	2.00	Gray, Russell.....	2.00
Fiske, G. S.	2.00	Gray, Mrs. S. S.	2.00
Fiske, Mrs. Joseph N.	25.00	Green, Mrs. George H.....	2.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	100.00	Greene, Mrs. F. B.....	10.00
Fitzgerald, Desmond.....	5.00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C	5.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00	Greenough, Charles P.	2.00
Flint, David B.	5.00	Greenough, Mrs. W. W.....	5.00
Folsom, Miss Amy.....	25.00	Grew, Edward S.....	25.00
Folsom, Dr. C. F.....	2.00	Grew, Mrs. Edward S.....	80.01
Folsom, Mrs. C. F.	2.00	Grew, Henry Sturgis.....	50.00
Foote, Arthur.....	2.00	Guild, Miss.....	2.00
Forbes, Mrs. J. Murray	10.00	Guild, Miss C. H.....	5.00
Ford, Daniel S.	25.00	Gwynne Temporary House,	21.00
Foxboro'.....	2.00		
French Carriage Co.	2.00	Hammer, Mrs. Martha P....	25.00
Friedman, Mrs. Max	2.00	Hammond, Mrs. G. G., jr...	2.00
Friend.....	1.00	Harrington, Dr. F. B.....	5.00
Friend.....	25.00	Hart, Alfred Bushnell	2.00
Friend.....	5.00	Hartley, F.	2.00
Friend.....	2.00	Hartwell, H. W.	7.00
Friend.....	20.00	Hastings, Mrs. H. P.....	2.00
"Friend"	2.00	Hatfield, Miss Adelina, thro',	
"Friend," through Miss A.		for children in Mansfield,	2.63
P. Jackson.....	20.00	Haynes, John C.	100.00
Friend, through Miss A. P.		Head, Charles	2.00
Jackson.....	500.00	Head, Mrs. Charles.....	5.00
Friends.....	95.00	Heath, Mrs. Sarah A.	2.00
Frost, William E.....	2.00	Hebrew Ladies' Sewing	
Frothingham, Edward.....	5.00	Circle	20.00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen...	5.00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10.00
Fry, Mrs. Charles.....	25.00	Henchman, N. H.....	2.00
		Hicks, Mrs. Mary Dane.....	2.00
Gahm, Sebastian.....	5.00	Higginson, Frederick.....	2.00
Gaillard, Mrs. M.	15.00	Higginson, Mrs. Henry L....	15.00
Gannett, Samuel.....	5.00	Hill, Mrs. Wm. H.....	2.00
Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. ..	2.00	Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.....	7.00
Gardner, Mrs. Harrison	2.00	Holbrook, S. Pinckney	1.00
Gay, Dr. George W.....	5.00	Hooper, Edward W.....	100.00
Glover, Joseph B.	100.00	Hooper, Mrs. J. R.....	10.00

Hooper, Mrs. R. C., sr.	2.00	Kidder, Henry T.	10.00
Houghton, Mrs. C. S.	10 00	Kimball, the Misses	25.00
Houghton, Miss E. H.	54.57	Kimball, Charles F.	1.00
Houston & Henderson	2.00	Kimball, Mrs. L. C.	2.00
Howe, Henry S.	20.00	King, Franklin	2.00
Hubbard, Chas. Eustis	10.00	King's Chapel Committee on	
Hubbard, Chas. W.	50.00	Charities	100.00
Hubbard, James M.	7.00	Kingsley, C. W.	5.00
Hughes, W. H.	2.00	Komfeldt, Felix	2.00
Humphreys, R. C.	2.00	Krebs, Mrs. Franz H.	2.00
Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth		Kuhn, Mrs. Mary R.	5.00
A.	3.00		
Hunnewell, F. W.	25.00	Lamb, H. A.	60.00
Hunnewell, H. H.	100 00	Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	104.33
Hunnewell, Henry S.	5.00	Lane, Edward B.	2.00
Hunnewell, Miss Jane B.	5 00	Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan	
Hunnewell, Walter.	25.00	A.	4.00
Hutchins, C. F.	10 00	Lang, Miss Eleanor	6.00
Hutchins, Mrs. H. G.	4.00	Larkin, Miss Elizabeth M. .	2.00
Hutchins & Wheeler.	2 00	Laughlin, Mrs. H. M.	10.00
Hutchinson, W. T.	15.00	Lawrence, Mrs. Abbott.	2.00
Hyams, Godfrey M.	50.00	Lawrence City Mission	1.20
		Lawrence, Miss Marian.	20.00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	45.25	Lawrence, Rt. Rev. William,	25.00
Jackson, Mrs. C. C.	27.80	Lawrence, Mrs. W. R.	5.00
Jackson, Prof. C. L.	20.00	Lee, F. W.	2.00
Jackson, Edward	50 00	Lee, George C.	25.00
Jackson, Mrs. Henry	5.00	*Lee, Henry	100.00
Jackson, Henry B.	2.00	Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	100.00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	20.00	Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	2.00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25.00	L. H. W.	50.00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5.00	Liebman, Joseph H.	1.00
Jaques, Miss Helen L.	10 00	Lincoln, Roland C.	5.00
Janes, S. Walker	2.00	Lincoln, W. H.	5.00
Jeffries, Mrs. J. A.	6.09	Little, Mrs. George W.	2.00
Jenks, Miss Caroline E	2.00	Livermore, T. L.	10.00
Johnson, Mrs. F. W.	2.00	Lodge, Mrs. John Ellerton. .	5.00
Johnson, Samuel.	2.00	Lombard, Miss Annie S.	2.00
Jones, B. M.	2.00	Lombard, Miss Elizabeth ...	2.00
Jones, Miss Ellen M.	2.00	Lombard, G. B.	2.00
Jones, Frank H.	2.00	Lootz, G.	2.00
Jones, N. P.	2.00	Loring, the Misses	15.00
		Loring, Augustus P.	2.00
KeheW, Mrs. William		Loring, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus	
Browne.	5.00	P.	50.00
Kidder, C. A.	5.00	Loring, Miss K. P.	10.00
Kidder, Mrs. C. A.	4.00	Loring, Mrs. W. C.	125.00
		Lothrop, Mrs. Thornton K. .	25.00

Loud, Miss Sarah P.	5.00	Morse, Robert M.	25.00
Lovering, Mrs. C. T.	10.00	Morse, Mrs. R. M.	2.00
Lowell, Charles.	2.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Lowell, Mrs. Edward J.	12.00	Moseley, Miss Ellen F.	12.00
Lowell, Mrs. George G.	50.00	*Motley, Mrs. Edward J.	10.00
Lowell, Miss Georgina.	25.00	Motley, Mrs. E. Preble	10.00
Lowell, Mrs. John.	10.00	Munro, Miss M. H.	20.00
Lowell, Miss Lucy.	10.00	Murdock, Miss Marian.	10.00
Lyman, Arthur T.	15.00	Myer, Mrs. G. A.	2.00
Lyman, Mrs. George H.	10.00		
Lyman, Miss Julia.	15.00	Nash, Mrs. B. H.	5.00
Lyman, Miss Mabel.	10.00	New Bedford Orphan's Home, ..	180.00
Lyman, Mrs. Theodore.	2.00	Newman, Albert H.	2.00
		Nichols, Benj. W.	25.00
Magoun, Herbert.	2.00	Nichols, Miss Mary P.	5.00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	5.00	Nickerson, Andrew.	12.00
Manning, Miss Margaret.	2.00	Nickerson, Howard T.	2.00
Marston & Co. R.	10.00	Noble, John.	2.00
Mason, Miss Ellen F.	500.00	Norton's Sons, Jacob.	2.00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	1,700.00		
Mason, Mortimer B.	10.00	Otis, Mrs. W. C.	20.00
Mason, William Powell.	20.00		
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society.	75.00	Page, Dr. Calvin G.	2.00
Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10.00	Paine, the Misses.	50.00
"M. A. W."	15.00	Paine, R. T. Association.	100.00
May, Mrs. Caroline S.	2.00	Paine, R. T., 2d.	2.00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00	Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. John C.	6.00
Mayo, Mrs. Eliot B.	2.00	Palfrey, Miss Sarah H.	3.00
McKendry, Davis.	2.00	Parker, Charles W.	2.00
Means, Miss Anne M.	10.00	Parker, Miss E. G.	10.00
Means, James.	10.00	Parker, Wilder & Co.	2.00
Melvin, James C.	2.00	Parkinson, Mrs. John.	25.00
Merriam, Charles.	10.00	Parkman, Miss E. S.	5.00
Merrill, Joshua.	2.00	Parsons, the Misses.	10.00
Mifflin, Mrs. George H.	2.00	Parsons, Miss Georgiana.	10.00
Minot, Mrs. Charles S.	10.00	Parsons, Theophilus.	50.00
Minot, Dr. Francis.	5.00	Parsons, Thomas P.	2.00
Mixer, Miss M. C.	10.00	Peabody, Francis H.	50.00
*M. M. E.	25.00	Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott. ..	15.00
Monroe, Geo. H.	2.00	Pearson, Miss Adelaide.	10.00
Montgomery, William.	10.00	Peterson, Sidney.	2.00
Morgan, Charles R.	5.30	Phelps, Miss Mary N.	2.00
Morgan, Charles R.	5.40	Phillips, Mrs. John C.	50.00
Morrill, Miss Amelia.	5.00	Pickering, Henry G.	40.44
Morrill, Miss F. E.	5.00	*Pickering, Henry W.	10.00
Morse, Charles N.	2.00	Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25.00
Morse, Miss F. R.	50.00	*Pickman, Mrs. W. D.	20.00

Pierce, Mrs. N. W.	5.00	Sargent, Mrs. Charles S. ...	10.00
Pierce, Phineas	4.00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00
"P. M."	10.00	Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop. ...	100.00
Potter, Mrs. W. B.	20.00	Sawyer, Mrs. Joseph.	2.00
Prager, Philip.	2.00	Schlesinger, Barthold	20.00
Pratt, Miss Clara A.	2.00	Schmidt, Arthur P.	10.00
Pratt, Laban	2.00	Schouler, Mrs. James.	2.00
Proctor, Miss Mary B.	10.00	Seamen's, 'Orphans' and	
Provident Association, special		Children's Friend So-	
child	2.00	ciety	148.37
Putnam, Miss Elizabeth C.,		Sears, F. B.	2.00
Trustee	20.00	Sears, Mrs. F. R.	2.00
Putnam, Mrs. George	10.00	Sears, Henry F.	50.00
Putnam, Mrs. James J.	7.00	Sears, Herbert M.	10.00
*Putnam, Mrs. S. R.	10.00	Sears, Mrs. K. W.	50.00
		Sears, Mrs. P. H.	20.00
Quincy, Mrs. H. P.	2.00	Sever, Miss Emily	10.00
		Seymour, Miss May D.	2.00
		Shapleigh, Walter C.	2.00
Read, Miss Lucy R.	2.00	Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	100.00
Read, Miss S. E.	25.00	Shaw, Miss Anna B.	10.00
Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howell ...	5.00	Shaw, Francis	10.00
Revere, Mrs. Paul J.	2.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland. ...	25.00
Reynolds, the Misses.	2.00	Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell. .	5.00
Reynolds, W. H.	10.00	Shaw, Mrs. L. A.	10.00
Richards, Mrs. Susan B.	25.00	Shaw, Samuel S.	2.00
Richardson, Mrs. E. C.	2.00	Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100.00
Richardson, Dr. W. L.	100.00	Shepard, Mrs. Elizabeth A. .	25.00
Robbins, Royal E.	2.00	Shepard, Mrs. Emily E.	3.00
Rockwell, Mrs. Alfred P. ...	10.00	Shepard, O. A.	2.00
Rockwell & Churchill, dis-		Shepard, Otis.	2.00
count on annual report ...	10.00	Shepard, Mrs. Otis.	5.00
Rodman, S. W.	5.00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10.00
Rogers, Miss A. P.	1,005.00	Silsbee, Miss Martha	25.00
Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	* 15.00	Simpkins, Miss M. W.	5.00
Rogers, Mrs. J. Fred	2.00	Singer Manufacturing Co. .	2.00
Rogers, Mrs. William B. ...	5.00	Smith, the Misses Alice W.	
Ropes, John C.	20.00	and Paulina C.	8.00
Roxbury Charitable Society,	12.00	Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00
Ruddick, Miss E. M.	5.15	Sohier, the Misses	6.00
Rumnols, Mrs. C. J.	1.00	Sohier, Miss E. D.	5.00
Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20.00	Soren, John H.	2.00
Russell, Thomas H.	5.00	Special	5.00
		Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Henry.	5.00	Sprague, Mrs. G. W.	2.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett. .	10.00	Stackpole, Mrs. Lewis.	4.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M.	15.00	Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	10.00
Sampson, O. H.	2.00	Stanwood, Frederick	2.00

State St., 53	2.00	Walker, G. P. R.	2.00
Stetson, Amos W.	5.00	Walker, Grant	5.00
Stetson, Cutler & Co.	1.00	Walker, Guy Warren.	10.00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5.00	Walker, Miss M. L.	2.00
Stone, Miss Katharine H.	2.00	Walker, Mrs. Nathaniel	2.00
Storer, Miss Abby M.	7.00	Walworth, Mrs. A. C.	5.00
Stratton, Charles E.	2.00	Ward, Miss Caroline E.	5.00
Stratton, Solomon P.	5.00	Ward, Samuel, Co.	2.00
Sunday School, All Souls Church, Roxbury	5.00	*Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25.00
Suter, Hales W.	2.00	Ware, Miss Mary L.	15.00
Sweetser, Frank E.	2.00	Warren, F. C., Co.	2.00
Sweetser, J.	2.00	Warren, S. D.	60.00
Taber, Mrs. Sarah W.	2.00	Waterston, Mrs.	2.00
Tapley, Miss Alice P.	2.00	Waxman, Nathan	2.00
Tapley, Amos P.	5.00	Weeks, Mrs. A. G.	5.00
Tappan, Miss M. A.	50.00	Welch, Charles A.	50.00
Taussig, F. W.	2.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Thacher, Mrs. Charles A.	5.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5.00
Thayer, B. T.	2.00	Weld, George W.	10.00
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	10.00	Weld, Mrs. M. W.	5.00
Thompson, Mrs. A. C.	2.00	Wells, Mrs. Elizabeth S.	2.00
Thorndike, Charles	25.00	Wendell, Mrs. Barrett	2.00
Thorndike, Mrs. John H.	100.00	Weston, Mrs. H. C.	10.00
Thorndike, Sturgis H.	5.00	Wheatland, Mrs.	2.00
Thornton, Mrs. A. C.	2.00	Wheeler, Mrs. Alexander S.	47.14
Thorp, Mrs. J. G.	10.00	Wheeler, Stenzel Co.	2.00
Tinkham, Geo. H.	2.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. G. W. ..	5.00
Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W.	12.00
Tolman, James P.	25.00	White, Mrs. Joseph H.	5.00
Torrey, Elbridge	2.00	Whitman, Henry.	10.00
Turner, Mrs. Wm. H.	2.00	Whitman, Mrs. Henry.	50.00
Tuttle, J. H.	2.00	Whitney, Edward F.	25.00
"Two in Bills".	2.00	Whitney, George.	5.00
Tyer, Miss Kate S.	2.00	Whitney, Pousland & Co. ..	2.00
Unknown Friend.	2.00	Whittemore, Miss Maria N.	3.00
Updike, D. P.	3.80	Whitwell, Mrs. N. S.	5.00
Upham, Miss Susan	50.00	Whitwell, Miss S. L.	10.00
Van Noorden, Mrs. Sarah ..	10.80	Wigglesworth, George.	100.00
Vaughan, Mrs. W. W.	5.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas.	50.00
Vinal, C. A.	2.00	Wilder & Co.	5.00
Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F.	2.00	Willard, Miss Helen.	5.00
Wainwright, Miss R. P.	5.00	Willard, Mrs. Z. A.	5.00
		Williams, Mrs. and the Misses.	20.00
		Williams, Dr. Charles H.	2.00
		Williams, David W.	2.00
		Williams, Miss Louise H. ..	50.00
		Williams, Miss Ruth	25.00

Willing Circle King's Daughters, of Congregational Church, Waltham.....	11.41	Wood, Henry	2.00
Wilson, Mrs. W. P.	5.00	Woods, Henry	10.00
Winslow, W. T.....	5.00	Worcester, John.....	10.00
Winsor, Miss Amy T.	1.00	Worcester, Miss Margaret C.,	5.00
Wolcott, Mrs. J. Huntington,	100.00	Wright, Richard W.....	5.00
Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	30.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

- Anonymous, 67 articles clothing.
All Souls' Church, Roxbury, Minute Club of, 21 books for Home Libraries.
Appleton, Mrs. F. H., 10 articles clothing.
Boston Sewing Circle, 10 articles clothing.
Class No. 12, M.E.S.S., Melrose. 6 articles clothing.
Hardy, Mrs. John, bean bags and board.
Hinckley, Mrs. T. F., 33 articles clothing, 2 dolls, 3 books, candy, and spool-holder.
Ireland, Miss Grace, 25 books for Home Libraries.
Jones, Miss Sara, 2 articles clothing, reins, pencils, tin cars, game, candy, and slate.
Loring, Mrs. W. C., boy's suit.
Loving Circle King's Daughters, of Dudley St. Church, Roxbury, 3 articles clothing
Norcross, J. Henry & Co., 27 hats and box of soap.
Needlework Guild of America. Boston Branch, 100 articles clothing.
Petersham Girls' Club, 19 articles clothing.
Pitts, Mrs. L. L., 24 articles clothing.
Rackemann, C. S., 17 articles clothing, card case, knife, 3 watches, and 3 harmonicas.
Read, Mrs. John, \$3 00 for boots for boy.
Smith, Mrs. E. E., 10 books.
South Friendly Society, of South Congregational Church, 37 articles clothing.
Tappan, Miss Mary A., 2 books and game for Home Libraries.
Thorp & Martin Co., discount on bookcases amounting to \$16.33.
Willing Circle King's Daughters, of Congregational Church, Waltham, 17 articles clothing.

ROCK LAWN FARM AT FOXBOROUGH.

- Boston Sewing Circle, shirts, blouses, and pillow cases.
Durham, Miss E. P., box of peppermints.
Eaton, Russell, confectionery twice.
French, Mrs. K. B., book.
Fritz, Mrs. Mabel, confectionery and bag of cookies.
Gray, Mrs. Asa, Our Dumb Animals and Indian Helper.
Gray, Mrs. Edwin, clothing twice, papers throughout the year.
Hartshorn, F. E., 8 shirts, 1 pair trousers.
Jackson, Miss A. P., \$5.00 for Thanksgiving, \$7.50 for Christmas presents, confectionery twice, \$5.00 for Fourth of July, 2 dozen tooth-brushes.
Jackson, Chas. L., flower seeds.

Jackson, Ernest, clothing.

Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. A., \$10.00 for Thanksgiving, clothing, \$13.55 for school books, \$25.00 for Christmas presents, \$10.00 for Fourth of July.

Loring, Miss K. P., confectionery and book.

Loring, Mrs. Wm. C., box of cake.

Mayberry, Mrs. A. L., 25 copies Oiled Feather.

Phelps, Mrs. M. N., 2 dozen engravings, overcoat.

Self, Mrs., cake for Christmas.

Teachers of Foxborough schools, American and Cuban flags.

Wells, Mrs., bundle of cloth.

Wingate, Mrs. I. B., book.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Jackson, Miss A. P., 128.



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THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

OCTOBER, 1898, to OCTOBER, 1899.

OFFICE
43 CHARITY BUILDING, CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

FROM ACT OF INCORPORATION.

1865.

SECTION I. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin. . . .

ARTICLE I. OF THE BY-LAWS — *Membership:*

"The Corporation shall consist, besides those named in the Act of Incorporation, of all persons who shall have been Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Clerks, or Treasurers thereof; of such persons as shall give to the Corporation at any one time twenty-five dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of twenty-five dollars or upwards; and of such persons as shall be elected members by the Directors, by ballot, at any stated meeting of the board."

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of
dollars to be applied to the uses of
said corporation.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO MISS
ELLEN G. PARKER, 191 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON.

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Miss Anne T. Withington,
Miss Maud Withington.

CENSUS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE OVERSIGHT OF
THE SOCIETY OR IN ITS CARE DURING
THE YEAR 1898-99.

Placed out in families	287	} Under direct charge Oct. 1, 1899 .	
Otherwise placed	83		
In their own homes	277		647
Members of Home Libraries			650
<i>Total number, Oct. 1, 1899</i>			<hr/> 1,297
Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on Oct. 1, 1899			133
Besides those enumerated above, the following have received the benefit of the advice and assistance of the Bureau of Information			1,083
<i>Total for the Year</i>			<hr/> 2,513

BUREAU OF ADMISSION, INFORMATION, AND COUNSEL.

1,315 applications made during the year, and
99 pending at the beginning of the year, making a total of

1,414 children who were dealt with as follows :

Oversight at home by this Bureau	1	} of this Society	915
Advised by this Bureau	683		
Referred to Placing-out Agency	186		
Sent to Rock Lawn Farm	3		
Referred to Probation Agency	41		
Referred to Home Libraries	1		
Referred to other agencies			330
Withdrawn by applicants			86
Pending at the end of the year			83

The work of the Bureau has gone on in the same lines as in previous years. It receives all applications in behalf of children, and aims to give advice and help in all cases. Every year brings to its doors a great number of persons who, for one reason or another, are discouraged in the struggle to support or to control rightly the children dependent on them. In many instances the counsel and help given avail to find a way out of the pressing difficulties without the necessity of breaking up a home, while in other cases the Bureau admits to the continued care of the Society those children for whom its different departments afford the best help.

We have had 160 fewer children this year than last ; 353 of the whole number were under two years of age. A larger number have been dealt with by our own Society without reference to other agencies than last year, or indeed than in any year. 186 children have been placed in charge of the Placing-out Department, as compared with 109 last year.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum during more than half the year referred to us all its refused cases from April, 1898, to April, 1899,

—86 cases, — but now sends some of them directly to other agencies. Four of the Day Nurseries send us all their rejected applications, — 36 cases in the same period, — and some of the managers have expressed great satisfaction in feeling sure that every possible effort will be made to help the children whom the nurseries cannot receive.

The variety of cases claiming our help is as striking as ever. We wish that we could convince the public how much good is done where the children are not taken into the care of the other departments of the Society; how much thought and close personal work are given to the cases classed as “advised.” The agents of the Bureau of Information have done all the work for 683 children. This means not only hours of investigation, that the facts concerning the children may be fully known, it means wisdom and tact and sympathy in dealing with parents and friends, ingenuity of resource in forming plans and patience in carrying them out. Advice means preventive work, missionary work, strengthening the weak and helping the discouraged to bear the burden they are trying to throw off. And the results are watched from week to week and month to month.

Story after story would illustrate the value of this daily work. A family wreck is prevented, where a man and his wife, just on the point of separating, come to the office on the same day to ask that their children be cared for. They are shown that they cannot so easily drop this responsibility upon others; but, beside this, good medical care and the sympathy of a woman friend are secured for the nervous and irritable woman, a clergyman is interested who formerly knew the man, and the three children are kept in their own home.

Four children of a widower, whom an agent had been trying to help in finding work, are thrown upon our hands late one afternoon by the cruelty of the woman who had been acting as his housekeeper. By eight o'clock they are all comfortably placed in one of our temporary boarding places, but the help given to the father in making permanent provision for them goes on for weeks.

A mother on the point of giving up her boy to an institution is shown how she can keep him in her own care, but this “advice” involves much correspondence with the delinquent father and with relatives, who finally take the child into their home, the mother paying board from her earnings.

A young Portuguese girl of seventeen is brought into court by her father on a charge of stubbornness; the judge thinks she is either very good or very cleverly bad, and applies to us to investi-

gate the case. We find the father harsh and utterly unreasonable and are satisfied that the girl has been unjustly treated. She is put on probation on our agent's bond, writes to her every week, and is finally discharged. A self-respecting girl is thus saved from unjust punishment through the judge's confidence that the Children's Aid Society can get at the truth and give wise counsel.

Investigation and advice then mean help for hundreds of children and their over-burdened or erring parents.

Three hundred and thirty children were referred to other agencies as follows:

Charity for Destitute Mothers and Infants	49
Massachusetts Infant Asylum	28
Associated Charities, Boston	52
Associated Charities of towns other than Boston	10
Overseers of the Poor, Boston	15
State Board of Charity	18
Industrial Aid Society	7
Mass. S.P.C.C.	33
Children's Mission	4
St. Vincent de Paul Society	11
Federation of Jewish Charities	14
House of the Good Samaritan	1
Mt. Hope Home	2
Farm School	3
Trustees for Children, Boston	45
Church Home	1
Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary	2
Concord Reformatory	1
Floating Hospital	1
Y.W.C.A., Cambridge	1
Y.M.C.A., Lynn	1
Training School, Y.W.C.A.	1
Hampden County, C.A.S.	2
School for Feeble-Minded	4
Hospital Cottages	1
West End Infants' Hospital	2
South End Nursery	1
Massachusetts General Hospital	1
City Hospital	1
Tewksbury Hospital	1

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Befriending Committee (Hebrew)	1
Superintendent of Police	1
Truant Officers	5
St. Monica's Home	. . . . .	1
Massachusetts Nautical Training School	. . . . .	1
Winthrop Church	. . . . .	3
Highland Church	2
Overseers of the Poor, Hingham	1
Lyman School	1
Lawrence City Mission	1

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N.B. It is to be noted that this list includes only those referred to other agencies by this department. A few children discharged from other departments have been so referred.

FINAL REPORT OF THE WORK AT ROCK LAWN FARM.

A TRAINING FARM FOR WAYWARD BOYS, AT FOXBOROUGH,
MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 12, 1886, TO SEPT. 5, 1899.

Committee: Miss ANNA P. JACKSON, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. LAMB. (Miss LORING
substitute for last year.) Former member, Mr. H. D. CHAPIN.

Superintendent and Matron: Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES N. MORSE.

Number of boys received	168
Placed in families	133
Discharged to relatives	32
Discharged to State	3
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	168
Returned for further training	36
Highest average daily number per year	24
Lowest " " " "	19

Our Training Farm at Foxborough has come to an end this year, as a change in the family affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Morse made them wish for more freedom and opportunity of rest and change than their work for us afforded; and the Society has decided to abandon this line of work for the present, partly because a much smaller number of wayward boys need our care than in the past, owing to increased work for them by City, State, and other agencies, and partly because of the difficulty of finding another home so well suited to our purpose as this has been in every respect. Believing this work to have been successful and effective, we wish to review its principal features, give a sketch of its results as shown by the present standing of our graduates in the community, and add some conclusions to which our experience of thirteen years seems to point.

On May 12, 1886, two boys were taken from Pine Farm, which was crowded to overflowing, and placed with Mr. and Mrs. Morse in their own home, and the number was rapidly increased until twenty-five was fixed on as the wise limit of the undertaking. The terms agreed upon were \$2.00 a week for the board of each

boy, and a small salary for care and instruction; clothing was also paid for, but this has been an absurdly small item, owing to Mrs. Morse's skill in cutting over old clothes, or woollen remnants, which were given us by friends. Mr. and Mrs. Morse engaged and paid for their help, a man and woman, and Mr. Morse made alterations and additions to the house at his own expense as the family increased, providing all furnishings except a few beds and bedding.

Mrs. Morse taught the school, the committee providing books, slates, and other material, and her former experience and natural gift as a teacher made it a great success; the discipline was excellent, and the boys worked with enthusiasm. It was visited by the Foxborough School Committee, and we used the same course of instruction, as far as possible, as in the Foxborough schools.

Mr. Morse's farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres furnished opportunity for training in farm work, gardening, and the care of animals, plenty of wood to cut in winter, two fine fields for baseball, and a pond for skating, sailing boats, fishing, and swimming, according to season. Every autumn the boys found steady occupation and earned a good sum for the Society by picking cranberries for the neighbors, superintended by Mr. Morse and his man. Indoors they were taught some use of tools, to mend their shoes, and sometimes clothes, and odd jobs of painting, repairing farm implements, and so on; in short, all the ingenious economies of old-fashioned farm life. Under Mrs. Morse's care they learned to take great pride in housework, and spent many happy hours in reading, knitting, playing games, and frolicking together. One afternoon a week the newspapers were read to them, and interest in elections, town-meeting, and national affairs was encouraged in every way. The family and boys always sat together at table and shared the same food, and there were pleasant talks over the table after meals were done. There were six bed-rooms, in charge of monitors at night, a plan which worked well.

Every three months the Committee with Mr. and Mrs. Morse looked over the behavior record of each boy, comparing it with the one he brought, and with previous ones at the home; this was instructive and generally encouraging and gave us a better grasp of the boys and methods than any other part of our visiting; it also enabled us to judge which boys were ready to be placed and what sort of places would suit them best. As soon as a boy could be trusted he was sent alone to the post-office, two miles off, or on errands to the village, sometimes involving money, and they felt very proud of

this trust, which was rarely abused. They attended the Congregational church and Sunday-school, the church kindly providing free seats, and their quiet and attentive behavior and well-learned lessons drew forth much praise. They took part in several Sunday-school concerts and in some town celebrations, singing and reciting well. Dr. Lemuel Dickerman, and later Dr. B. P. Crocker, generously gave free medical services.

The moral training has been such as wise and loving parents give to their own children. Mr. and Mrs. Morse have the real New England character, good sense, thrift, and conscientiousness, and a saving sense of humor, without the rigidity, coldness and reserve so often found in connection with these virtues. Their manner of work was entirely elastic, each boy's needs being carefully studied and met with loving sympathy and inexhaustible hopefulness.

During these thirteen years 168 boys were received, classed as "distinctly wayward;" a large proportion of them were truants and runaways, while some had been in court for minor offences, and others were dishonest, unmanageable, etc. These boys were surrendered by their parents until sixteen, eighteen, or twenty-one years of age, the longer term being preferred when parents could be prevailed upon to agree, and those parents who were able paid whole or partial board. After due training at the Farm the boys were placed singly in families, passing into the care of our Placing-out Agency till their term of surrender was over, when they generally returned to the city, where they are under the supervision of our Graduate Agent.

The nationality of these 168 boys varies greatly, — Canadians, Irish, English, Scandinavians, Italians, Bohemians, Negroes, and Jews of all nationalities are represented, — but the great number are of American parentage or born in this country of foreign parents. We find among them the criminal type, the pauper type, the bright boy who has fallen into evil ways from want of occupation or love of excitement, whose mischievous tendencies must be turned into energy and ambition; the stupid boy, who does poorly because he does not know any better, who must be roused and taught how interesting life is (and these often show the best results); the nervous, excitable boy, who needs regulating and building up physically; and that hardest of all, the easily influenced boy, who responds quickly and makes great progress while with us, but is absolutely unable to stand alone and takes all his color from his surroundings. These are a few of the varieties, but they are endless, and require as various treatment,

though it may be said that firm and wise control, patience and sympathy, and constant occupation, whether of work or play, are the most universally successful remedies.

The following tables show the present moral and industrial standing of our 168 boys :

<i>Moral Standing.</i>		<i>Industrial Standing.</i>	
		In trades	10
Doing well . . .	68	U. S. Army or Navy	7
		Other regular employment	62
Fairly well . . .	36	In college or academies	3
		Young boys, boarded out or at home	11
Poorly	47	Drifting	32
		In reformatory institutions	24
Dead	2	Insane or feeble-minded	2
		Dead	2
Unknown	15	Unknown	15
	<hr/> 168		<hr/> 168

Three of our boys have small stores of their own, three are married and are able to support their wives, and two of these have children. Others are paying their share of the home expenses, many are earning good wages and are well spoken of by their employers. The term "drifting" includes tramps, lazy, shiftless and incompetent boys, ranging from those who do not want to work to those who are willing to but have not the ability, from one cause or another, to find and keep regular employment. Many of these manage to live comfortably enough, and not all of them would be classed as doing poorly from a moral point of view. The heading "In Reformatory Institutions" includes boys who were transferred to the Lyman School by their parents at our advice, as needing stricter discipline than we could give, and one or two in truant schools, besides those confined for more serious offences.

Mr. Morse corresponds with many of these graduates and they often pay visits to their old home and speak of it with affection. One boy who came from very poor surroundings and has developed into a fine fellow and a faithful worker, when asked by our Graduate Agent to give his opinion frankly about Rock Lawn Farm, replied : "I owe every spark of manliness there is in me to Mr. and Mrs. Morse."

The first lesson, we believe, we have learned from our experiment

is the advantage of having the boys taken into the Superintendent's own home instead of to an institution owned by the Society. The greater economy is shown by the cost per capita a year, being \$147 at Foxborough, while at Pine Farm (our former home at West Newton) it was \$234. The atmosphere is more homelike, the family relation stronger, and the boys acquire more sense of independence and responsibility, for in an institution, no matter how well managed, they are apt to feel that there is unlimited money to supply their wants, and to repair what damage they may carelessly do to the property of an impersonal "Society." The arrangements of a private house and farm are simpler and more like what they will meet when placed out, and they learn to adapt themselves to circumstances instead of expecting everything to be convenient. To sum up, we believe that this plan gives room for the individual development proper to good family life more nearly than any other.

Instead of changing visitors from month to month we have found it better to have a small committee to visit twice a month throughout the year, as it can thus carry out a uniform policy, keep in close touch with the heads of the family and the boys, and avoid the friction which comes from many masters. So much for administration; now for the experience gained with boys.

Our earliest discovery is the changeableness of the nature we have to work on, a growing boy being peculiarly open to impressions, while faults as well as virtues alter surprisingly, as shown by our quarterly records; but this has its hopeful as well as its discouraging side. The most important lesson to teach these boys is that of self-control, and to do this we have always believed in exposing them to temptations while with us that they may learn to resist them before going out into the world. With this end in view boys have been sent on errands which involved making change, and small sums of money have been left in places where they could be easily found; boys have been given apparent opportunities to run away, and the results have amply justified our hopes of increasing the manliness and honor of our boys. The number of runaways has decreased very much since our early days, partly due, perhaps, to differences in the boys, but more to a better understanding of how to guard against them and to Mr. Morse's prompt action in recovering them. We have also had many encouraging instances where outbreaks of violent temper became less frequent, or were controlled at the start, and the boy who would not bring himself to study or work when he came has grown first diligent and then enthusiastic.

One point where our system necessarily breaks down is in overcoming faults that relate to the other sex. Mrs. Morse and her daughter and assistant, the Sunday-school teachers, and other friends, supply a refining feminine element, but it is much to be regretted that some safe way cannot be devised for boys to associate with girls of the same age, for seclusion and precept do not cure this tendency to wrongdoing, and it is apt to awaken as soon as they are placed where they attend a mixed school. Low talk and immoral or untidy personal habits we can amend, and sometimes cure, but in the former case we can never feel certain.

A great help in bringing boys into line is the company of other boys who are under the same restrictions, for when a boy is alone in a family he regulates his desires by those of the neighbors' boys, and many things seem hard to him which are not even thought of where all keep the same hours and have the same amount of work expected of them. The moral tone of the home has been high, and a spirit of helpfulness, which new-comers soon catch, has had great effect in softening and elevating the boys. Some who have hardly been willing to lift a finger when they came have later vied with each other to get up early and have everything ready for Mrs. Morse, are devoted in sickness, and even give up their play voluntarily to help. The property sense has been stimulated by each boy having his own different clothes and belongings, and a special place to keep them in, and his private garden which he can cultivate as he chooses, besides a pride of common possession in the apples, popcorn, and other farm products.

Of course it is very difficult to be sure that improvement will be lasting, and in some cases one can feel that the faults are only dormant, ready to awake on a return to old surroundings, and for this reason we strongly discourage having boys discharged to their parents before the end of the term of surrender, unless a distinct change in circumstances makes it necessary or advisable. Of the 32 discharged boys, 5 were returned to their parents (three of them after years of trial), as unfit for placing and too old and vicious to remain at the Farm without injury to the younger boys. Taking the 27 discharged under more hopeful circumstances, we find 9 are doing well or fairly well, 9 are doing poorly, and 9 are unknown, as against 96 doing well, or fairly well, 31 poorly, and 6 unknown, of the 133 placed-out boys, which goes to support our feeling of reluctance.

The 133 boys placed out from the Farm spent an average of

eighteen months and twenty-six days there. Our effort was to place every boy as soon as he could be fitted for independent life, but the youth and small size of many, and the undesirable traits of others, often made a long stay necessary; and this was too often the case with our colored boys, for whom it is very difficult to find country places. Thus we had sometimes to keep a colored boy, who might have been earning his own living, for several months or a year at the expense of the Society, and sometimes to keep one until he ran down from not being placed at the right moment.

Finally, it seems to this Committee that a place of preparation like this training farm is of great service to a placing-out agency, not only in teaching the boys morals, manners, and farming, before placing them, but in affording opportunity for studying their character and capacity, and fitting each one into a place which is more likely to be permanent than when it is selected with small knowledge of the boy who is to fill it. The fear of return in disgrace to Foxborough is also a powerful incentive to the boy to do his best; whereas if he is only to be transferred from place to place for misconduct, there is pleasure in the variety and in seeing how much each new person will put up with. About two-thirds of the boys returned to the Farm as unsatisfactory in their first places did better on being placed again; some of them decidedly better.

But even while recommending a training farm as a necessary adjunct to the placing of wayward boys, we see the difficulty of ever establishing another on just these lines. Its distance from the city and from all neighbors, and the adaptability of house and land to our purposes, were most fortunate incidents; but such people as Mr. and Mrs. Morse are hardly again to be found, in their talent for economical administration without stinting any one, and their self-denying and enthusiastic devotion to their work, never spending more than a few hours away together during these thirteen years. Add to this their wisdom and broadness of view, their quick tact and invention in emergencies and their truly parental love for every boy in their care, and the unlikelihood of finding again such a rare combination of qualities will be obvious.

PLACING-OUT AGENCY.

Children in charge of Placing-Out Agency Oct. 1, 1898,	264
In boarding homes	98
In free homes	85
In homes with wages	50
Otherwise placed or pending	31
Placed out during the year	168
	<hr/> 432
Discharged during the year:	
To other agencies or to relatives	140
To Committee on Volunteers	3
	<hr/> 143
Children in charge Oct. 1, 1899	289
In boarding homes	132
In free homes	82
In houses with wages	43
Otherwise placed	32

On Oct. 1, 1899, 289 children were in charge of this department, scattered throughout New England in carefully selected families under the supervision of five experienced agents. These children are brought to us for various reasons, sometimes in a temporary emergency, as during sickness or imprisonment of one or both parents, in which case they remain in our care for a short time only; but the greater number are taken because the parents' circumstances make it impossible to care for them properly or permanently at home. This does not imply that the parents are thereby relieved from all responsibility for their children; on the contrary, they pay as large a proportion of the total expense of board and clothing as their means allow. Relations often help in these payments, and the total amount received from parents and relations during the year was \$5,202.12. Thus the widower who cannot find a competent housekeeper to look after his children, the deserted

wife who must sometimes work where she cannot take her child, have the satisfaction of feeling that their children are supported by them in a respectable private family where they can visit them as often as they wish, instead of being supported by the public. Besides strengthening the self-respect of the worthy, this obligation of support has a steadying effect on those whose money might otherwise go for drink or self-indulgence.

Such is the gain to the parent, and what does the child gain over being in an institution? Every-day family life on a level with the children of a well-to-do country neighborhood, individual love and training, companionship with the older as well as younger members of a family, and the broadening influence of the public schools, all tending to individual development and energy of character.

Besides children who come to us through parents, relations, or friends, 29 have been placed in our charge by overseers of the poor of Boston and neighboring towns, for whom they pay the cost of maintenance and supervision; 28 are cared for at the expense of the Church Home, as that society has had no agent to carry on this kind of work for their older children, and 5 are paid for by other charitable agencies. Full reports of these children are given to these different agencies at stated periods.

Board is paid for babies and younger children, while older ones earn their board and clothing, and wages when they are sufficiently valuable. Board is occasionally paid for an older child who needs special care or training, but in that case without its knowledge. Our agents are quick to seize the moment when a child should be transferred from a boarding home to a free home, to strengthen its sense of independence as much as for economy's sake, and when a free home should develop into a home with wages.

The 289 children in charge on Oct. 1, 1899, were divided among five agents, the size of their families varying from week to week as new children were received and old ones discharged. An agent's first duty is to know both child and family thoroughly, to win the love and confidence of the former and to give moral support and counsel to the latter, making sure that the child's interests are well cared for, that it is receiving the training best suited to its disposition, with a good share of amusement, which is indispensable to the right development of every child. She visits the school and confers with the teacher about the child's mental ability and companions, and assures herself as far as possible that it stands on equal terms with the children of the neighborhood. Besides these duties that relate

directly to the children, there are dealings with parents, receiving and investigating applications for children, visits to doctors or hospitals, providing clothing, care of bank money, and many other details involving much time and labor, but giving relief from the more strenuous work of character building.

The hardest part of an agent's work is with the abnormal or weak-willed children, who need constant oversight and all the wisdom of visitor and family to keep them from moral ruin. The older girls also present a difficult problem, not only in supervision, but in finding suitable places for them, which are exceedingly scarce. At an age when they naturally crave society and amusement they are expected to spend their time in housework and school, to save their money instead of spending it on dress, and to be much confined unless they have exceptional employers. To vary this monotonous round by an excursion to shops or some place of amusement is often the visitor's best chance of getting a hold on the girl, and with them as well as with the older boys any influence acquired must be used with such skill and tact that the sense of restraint may never become irksome and the relation be kept as personal as possible.

Of our boys, 46 were prepared for placing at one or other of our training farms, and a good proportion of them are doing well. One boy won such golden opinions that a neighboring farmer wrote to ask for "another just like him."

One of our agents holds bank-books for 129 boys in her care, representing a total deposit of \$1,898.71, while the bank accounts for all the children in the department amount to over \$3,000.

Eight children who have been in our care for several years are in different high schools; one girl graduated last June from the Framingham Normal School; one boy is working his way through the New Hampton Literary Institute, and another is completing his senior year at Dartmouth.

Eighteen boys and girls who have been in our care from seven to nine years have been discharged this year. All have good places and are doing well. We shall still continue to hear from them from time to time.

We are much indebted to our faithful physicians, to various hospitals, to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary for assistance and advice, and to the managers of railroads for special rates granted to our agents.

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF VOLUNTEER WORK.

Children in charge Oct. 1, 1898	24	
Admitted during the year temporarily	3	
Total in charge	—	27
Discharged as graduates	2	
“ home to mother	6	
“ Home for Feeble-minded	1	
“ given to Placing-out Agency	1	
	—	10
		—
Remaining in charge		17
Boarded	9	
At home	1	
Self-supporting	6	
Free homes	1	
	—	
		17

Part of the placing-out work is in charge of a Committee of the Directors, who are assisted by volunteer visitors under their direct supervision. The children that now come into the care of the Society are many of them the hard, puzzling abnormal ones, a large proportion of whom are not fit subjects for volunteers to attend to. Nevertheless, the volunteer work is important in several respects, especially as it draws the fortunate and the unfortunate together, and brings more persons into sympathetic relation with the work for children. It adds to the living interest to do as well as to direct.

An account of the actual working of this department as between the directors and the volunteers may be of interest or benefit.

The Committee meets regularly every month, except once or perhaps twice in summer, in order to discuss all cases that require attention; the volunteers have met with the Committee four times during the winter months to talk over their cases, and have sent in their reports. When matters are going smoothly the reports are not always regular, but when there is trouble the visitors

come to the Chairman for advice, and then attend to the matter in hand carefully and promptly.

There have been eight volunteer visitors this year, and, as was said in a previous report, they vary in capabilities as visitors, but most of them have proved to be much interested in their work, and do it thoroughly well and with intelligence. When a visitor does not seem to realize her responsibilities, or does not show aptitude for the work, the Committee, and especially the Chairman, feel it, and keep a careful lookout to ensure that all goes well, in spite of shortcomings.

During the summer months no one knows but the Chairman, of the number of letters that come and go in regard to the management of the children, and necessarily, at that season, a good deal of extra work must fall to her share; for, besides the necessary letters, she assumes responsibility for the children whose visitors are too far off to attend to them. There is no doubt that in this summer scattering is the weak point of volunteer work. This is relieved by an agreement that we may call upon the staff at the office for help when necessary. During this summer the case of one girl has taken a good deal of their time, but besides that and two or three visits to one family, we have had to ask only for a little advice, and for help in finding new homes now and then. All homes are furnished from the list of carefully investigated families that is kept at the office.

There are seventeen children now in our charge, as against twenty-four last year, at this time. The seven that are stricken off the list are accounted for as follows: a boy was transferred to the care of the office because he was self-supporting, and the Committee does not look after older boys. Three of one family who had been in charge of the Society for seven years were taken home by their mother; one has gone to the Home for the Feeble-Minded; the time had expired during which the other two were surrendered, but their visitor still hears from them from time to time.

Only three new children were put in our charge during the year, and they for a few months only, until their mother could make a home for them.

One of the girls who has been self-supporting has proved, as she grows older, to be somewhat feeble-minded, so, although she is in a free home at present, she may have to be boarded again, later. A girl of sixteen has lately taken the name of the family where she lives. When her visitor saw that her work had become more than

equivalent to her board and clothing, and was trying to make some arrangement by which the girl might be better paid, the girl resented the suggestion, and said she preferred being treated like one of the family and did not wish to receive pay for anything she could do for them.

We often continue our friendly relations with our old girls long after they have grown beyond our care, and they sometimes return to us in later life ; within a few months a girl who was in the care of the girls' committee years ago wrote to her old visitor ; and again wrote a short time after : " I am so happy to hear from you once more ; do write to me again, as a letter from you is so encouraging."

GRADUATES AND PROBATIONERS AGENCY.

Graduates :

In charge, Oct. 1, 1898	55
Added during the year :	
From Pine Farm	3
“ Rock Lawn Farm	8
“ Placing-Out Agency	1
	— 12
Total during the year	67
Discharged :	
Placed on record for periodical inquiry	6
	—
Total, Oct. 1, 1899	61

Of these 57 are white, 4 are colored ; 46 Protestants, 13 Catholics, 2 Jews ; 27 from Pine Farm, 24 from Rock Lawn Farm, 1 from Weston Home, 9 from Placing-Out Department ; 29 are doing well, 21 fairly, 11 not doing well.

Probation boys :

In charge, Oct. 1, 1898	288
Added during the year :	
Put on probation at courts	34
Taken on informal probation	12
	— 46
Total in charge during the year	334
Discharged during the year :	
Placed on record for periodical inquiry	22
	—
Total, Oct. 1, 1899	312
Placed on probation by courts	197
Informal probation	100
Special cases	15

Of these 290 are white, 22 colored; 181 Protestants, 107 Jews, 24 Catholics. Doing well, 130; fairly, 125; not doing well, 57.

On miscellaneous list, 1, who is a white Protestant, and doing fairly well.

Summary :

Graduates	61
Probation boys	312
Miscellaneous	1

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Owing to the closing of the school at Pine Farm, in 1896, and to the large number of our boys who are now grown too old for guardianship, the number of graduates in the care of our agents has steadily diminished.

We have had during the past year but 61 of these boys, as compared with 150 in 1896. On the other hand, the number of boys taken from the courts on probation has remained about the same. Three hundred and seventy-four graduate and probation boys have been under Mr. Lawrence's general supervision during the year. The number sounds very large, and it is obvious that it would be impossible to do a great deal for each of the boys; but the nature of the cases is such that generally not much time is needed.

At the suggestion of the committee, our agent wrote out this year a list of the means used by him to build up a boy's character and improve his standing in the community. The scope and variety of these means indicate the broad intelligence and devotion which has gone into the work. A few samples will suffice to suggest the character of these methods :

(1.) Change of occupation; getting a boy into a different trade, or taking him from school and setting him to work.

(2.) Change of surroundings; *e.g.*, placing out, sending to the home of some other relation when he failed to get on well in his own home, shifting from country to town, or *vice versa*.

(3.) Helping boys to get work, or showing them the best ways of going about it. In many cases a boy, if told to look for work, will fail to find it, and remain a loafer for a considerable period; but if the visitor goes with him and holds him up to the drudgery of hunting for the job, the boy frequently will keep it and get the permanent benefit of regular employment thereafter.

(4.) Good expert advice for boys; *e.g.*, medical advice, legal advice, advice as to the wisdom of boys studying drawing.

(5.) In several cases Mr. Lawrence has voluntarily invited boys to board in his family or to lodge in the same house. In one case he had a boy more or less as a room-mate for a whole year. He frequently has boys at supper or to spend the night with him, or to pass the evening in company with a small club of other boys under his charge, at a room in Temple street hired for the purpose.

(6.) Reports from school teachers and from parents as to the boy's behavior from day to day, made out on prepared blanks supplied for the purpose.

(7.) Advice: sometimes this takes the form of praise; sometimes of picturing imaginatively to a boy what a successful and steady life would be; sometimes ridicule, or an appeal to the boy's manliness; sometimes a good scolding.

In certain cases it seems best to keep very close supervision over a boy; make him toe the mark, and catch him when he lies or fails. In other cases the guidance must be almost entirely positive rather than negative, endeavoring to stir his ambition, to help him into improving organizations, evening classes, and so on.

Individual study of each case, and the careful choice of the influences which are brought to bear, are the essential features of the work.

HOME LIBRARIES.

Active Libraries	67
Active visitors	52
Homeless Libraries	5
Libraries started	1
Needing visitors	14
Members of Home Libraries	650

Home Libraries are collections of fifteen or twenty books in a portable case, placed in the homes of children in the poorest parts of the city. One child acts as librarian and meets with the neighbors' children who are members of his library, with their visitor, once a week, to exchange books, talk them over, to play games, and learn various ways of occupying their leisure moments, the dangerous times of child life. At these meetings the children are encouraged to save money by giving their cents in charge to their visitor, who accounts for them by affixing for each sum a colored stamp to a card held by the child. Stamps to the value of \$434.63 were sold this year.

Once a year there is a plant sale, when the children can buy seeds and potted plants cheaply. These plants they tend during the summer and in the autumn an exhibition is held, when the owners of the best-grown plants take prizes. Often the children decorate the graves of their beloved dead with these plants.

The library visitors take pains, also, to secure summer trips for their children through some of the societies that provide outings; in fact, with tact, good will, and much patience, a visitor gains great and lasting influence for good over her small circle of children. In spite of the libraries, schools, play-grounds, and clubs, many children are unprovided for: in great measure because most poor children are sensitive and reserved, and are unable or unwilling to seek, alone, the things they crave; they need the encouragement of a friendly guide.

The principal visitor is the agent of this Society devoted solely to this work. She is helped by an apparently large number of volun-

teers; but more are urgently needed, especially for the evening libraries, to meet the older girls and boys and during the summer months.

The following notes of the year's work are of interest:

The library, which is located in the negro district, bordered by Pleasant and Tremont streets, Shawmut avenue, and Indiana place, has just got its first real footing. This is largely due to a change in the home, and the careful work done by the visitor, a young colored woman.

Possibly one of the most successful things accomplished was the reëstablishing of an evening library in Dorchester intended to care for the older boys and girls of that district. A gentleman and his wife are in charge, and have been unusually successful in interesting the members.

Summer vacations were provided for a large number of library members: Lincoln Camp and the two vacation houses caring for the older girls and boys, while the Country Week, Young Men's Christian Union, and Hebrew Benevolent Societies cared for children under twelve years of age.

During the summer months an effort was made by the general visitor to get a little better acquainted with active members of the libraries, as well as to learn something of the lives of a few graduates, by having some of the groups spend an evening at her home. Whenever possible the regular visitor went with the children, and all of the mothers of members were invited. It proved difficult to induce the mothers to go; the largest number present at any one time was six.

The special books asked for are always of interest. From Willow court comes a request for the following list: Wonder Book, Five Little Peppers, 3 vols., The Man Without a Country, An Old Fashioned Girl, Little Men, Little Women, Birds' Christmas Carol, and any Fairy Tales. During the year one hundred and twenty-seven sets have been exchanged.

Mr. Robert Woods, of the South End House, is desirous that we should start a colony of home libraries in the immediate vicinity of the settlement. Visitors working for us are to be provided by the South End House, and no library is to be started in that district unless they supply a visitor.

WAYS AND MEANS.

In examining the Treasurer's Report, it is to be remembered that the funds of the Society are restricted to use as capital, the income only is available for current expenses; all unrestricted funds have been spent. According to the conditions attached to the payment of the debt of the Society in 1895 it is impossible for our Treasurer to borrow. This state of affairs must be borne in mind by all who are interested in the continuance of our work, as it is evident that its constant need must be met by constant donations.

Especial attention is asked for two most important features of the work: first, that it is *preventive*; this is especially shown in the report of the Bureau of Information (pages 8-30) and in the probation work (pages 26, 27). Second, the fact that parents and relations are forced to recognize and fulfil their obligations to their children to the fullest possible extent (pages 13-18).

The chief expenses of the Society are \$15,953 for salaries and \$17,123 for maintenance of children. The cost of salaries appears large, but this Society has no rent, no building, no land, nothing but brains for its outlay, — brains, experience, and good-will; by careful reading of the foregoing reports, it is evident that the whole success of the work is due to individual work and influence.

In considering the amount paid for maintenance of children, it must be observed that \$9,677 is repaid to the Society by parents, guardians, overseers, and other charitable societies, whose children we take charge of. The payment of parents and guardians is about the same, year by year, for an equal number of children; about 86 per cent. of the amount charged, or promised by them, is collected, often through much effort.

Overseers have paid more this year than ever before, which shows that they are, with increasing confidence, sending us more children; they pay \$26 a year, in addition to cost of board and clothing, for supervision, which is the amount we calculate supervision costs for each child.

Further study of the Treasurer's Report shows a large outlay

for travel: proof of the constant visits paid to the children: The cost of stationery and printing is also large, but is fully justified by the great number of letters, records, questions, and reports that are required for the safe and proper settlement of each child.

In 1893 we had on our list of donors and subscribers 447 names; we received from them \$21,358. This year we have 464 names, and we have received \$9,419. Most of the subscribers who gave us large sums then have died, and we are dependent upon the average subscription to Boston charities, which is shown by a comparison of reports to vary within the limits of \$15 to \$21 for each person.

This condition we must seek to remedy: either our number of donors must be greatly enlarged, or we must induce the children and successors of our former friends to continue the benefactions of their parents. Our work is improving year by year, and year by year we have more difficult problems to solve; for to us are sent many of the unfortunate children that other Societies have not the power to handle. If we cannot be helped liberally to care for them they will become a burden and menace to society.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY.

Owing to the protracted illness of the General Secretary, the work of the office has been for a part of the year and still remains in charge of the Acting Secretary. It has been carried on, as heretofore, not only with a view to administering to the needs of the individual children that are brought to our attention, but with a persistent endeavor to deal with "cases" in a manner that will be consistent with and serve the best interests of child-life in the community. This is a principle deserving of emphasis. Besides the sympathetic treatment of the individual case and the consideration of the economic principles involved, we believe that there must be the constant effort to discover the real causes of distress and the attempt to remove them.

An organization which takes this broad view will not be satisfied to devote its time to the mere patching of ills. It will give more attention to investigation before assuming the responsibility of breaking home ties. If an institution, it will be slower to admit simply because there is room beneath its roof. If a placing-out agency, it will not place a child simply because it knows of a family ready to receive it, nor will it give the use of families to agencies not known to be responsible, or to individuals, however responsible, except in rare instances.

Were we any less thorough in our work, no such expenditures as are made for salaries outside those paid for the oversight of children cared for would be warranted. Such effort in the line of preventive work as that of the department of Home Libraries and of the Probation and Graduate Agency is easily appreciated. But it is to be noted, also, that, through the department that receives and investigates cases, the Society undertakes genuine missionary work, and we believe that no expenditure of a like amount will accomplish more in the cause of real charity than that given for such services as are performed by the assistants in our Bureau of Information. Their work must be done with speed in an emergency, but always with deliberation; they must discover the cause of the ill and then,

with a knowledge of the aids that the community affords, apply the best remedy, or at least the most effective one that circumstances will allow. With our door standing open throughout the day, it is no longer necessary for any one seeking help for a child to wander aimlessly from one institution to another in a search, which often comes to be not so much for the right remedy, as for almost any place that will receive the child.

A word is needed about the children that have been referred to elsewhere as discharged from the care of the Society. The degree of responsibility assumed after discharge is dependent upon the needs of the child. It is our belief that such an organization as ours cannot discharge its obligation to the children in its care unless it treats the question of giving up that care with as much seriousness and deliberation as it gives to the question of admission. Some of these discharged children have been referred to other agencies, but most of them have been given up to relatives; and in every case the step is taken only after the Secretary has carefully considered the matter and has arranged for inquiry, after a certain time, to learn the result of the action. This is the plan followed when our Bureau of Information "advises," or refers cases to other agencies; and it is only by such inquiry that we can have the assurance that advice or reference is other than a cheap and easy way of disposing of a case or shifting the responsibility. When a child returns to relatives, the plan followed includes an investigation of the home by the agent who made the original study of the case before admission; and then, if the circumstances warrant, the child is placed under the oversight of the Graduate Agent.

During the year we have continued the work of placing out children for the Church Home and Stanwood School, and on the first of October twenty-eight of their children were under the oversight of visitors of our Placing-out Agency. By our agreement the actual cost of this work is paid by the Church Home. With the Massachusetts Infant Asylum and with the Children's Mission we are in close coöperation, and it is worth mentioning that the latter institution has recently added to its staff two assistants who have been trained in our office, and whose services will be most valuable there, as they have been to us.

Conferences have been held with members of certain other societies in order to bring about closer coöperation and a better understanding concerning work for infants; and joint meetings with managers and matrons of Day Nurseries have kept them

informed as to the services performed by our Society in the cases which they refer to us. From other cities and States have come the usual frequent inquiries that are such gratifying evidences of the respect and esteem in which our work is held outside our own community; and it is to be noted that in a recent report of a State commission, that body saw fit to make especial reference to the character of the work done by the Boston Children's Aid Society.

And now a final word as to the future. The report of our Ways and Means Committee shows clearly the pressing need of economy and, unless we have more generous support from subscribers, of curtailment. We are at the present time employing every means to ensure true economy, but our first thought is still given to maintaining the high standard of our work. On this we must base our claim for support, and we shall take care that any curtailment effected is consistent with the welfare of the children we seek to help. We shall see to it that we do not retreat from the position we have hitherto maintained, and no friends of the Society need feel, in presenting its claims for support, that those claims are less strong in consequence of the present emergency.

WILLIAM H. PEAR,
Acting Secretary.

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., TREASURER, *in account with the*

OCT. 1, 1898,

Current Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$6,160 87	
Received from Ashton Trust	1,200 00	
Annual subscriptions	2,785 00	
Donations	6,634 36	
Donations for special children	623 79	
Donation for Investment	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$18,404 02
Rent of Pine Farm	\$480 00	
Rights sold	251 00	
Sale of various articles and witness' fees	5 33	
	<hr/>	736 33
Received from Verulam Society	\$415 50	
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Received from parents, relatives, or guardians	\$5,202 12	
" " Overseers of the Poor	2,989 81	
" " various charitable societies	1,385 62	
	<hr/>	9,577 55
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Special donations:		\$29,133 40.
Received from Trustees of Estate of Mrs. W. D. Pickman	\$500 00	
Received from Trustees of Estate of J. Putnam Bradlee	2,000 00	
Received from Trustees of Estate of Ezra Forristall, Jr.	50 00	
Received from Trustees of Estate of Charles Saunders	50 00	
	<hr/>	2,600 00
Balance on hand October 1, 1898		3,366 30
Mortgage paid	\$2,600 00	
" " 	2,400 00	
Borrowed	1,000 00	
Sold 5,000 Ottawa, Oswego & Fox R. Valley 8's	5,477 35	
Sold 10,000 C. B. & N. 5's	10,697 23	
	<hr/>	22,174 58
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		\$57,274 28

I hereby certify that the securities representing the investments have been examined by me and that they are in the possession of the Treasurer.

EDWARD JACKSON,
Auditor.

BOSTON, October 1, 1899.

TREASURER.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

TO OCT. 1, 1899.

Current Expenses.

Salaries of General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Stenographer, Bookkeeper, and General Assistant,	\$6,549 00	
Bureau of Information, 4 assistants	3,197 50	
Placing Out Agency, 6 assistants	3,993 40	
Home Libraries, assistant and Graduate and Pro- bation Agent	2,050 00	
Office boy	163 50	
	<hr/>	\$15,953 40
Rock Lawn Farm, salary of Superintendent, 7 mos.,	\$525 00	
Board and clothing of boys, 11 mos.	1,242 97	
	<hr/>	1,767 97
Board and clothing of children in charge of Placing- Out Agency	\$14,304 10	
Board and clothing of children in charge of Volun- teer Committee	1,576 34	
Expenses of special cases	39 77	
	<hr/>	15,920 21
Home Libraries	\$308 62	
Graduates and probationers	25 01	
	<hr/>	333 63
General expenses — Christmas	\$51 61	
Travel	1,570 93	
Stationery, postage, and printing	776 99	
Express, telegraph, and telephone	250 03	
Light, heat, and care of office	428 80	
Supplies, and equipment of office	180 85	
Sundries, including revenue stamps	112 71	
Annual Report	85 41	
	<hr/>	3,457 35
Expenses of Pine Farm	\$463 43	
Auditor	30 00	
	<hr/>	493 43
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		\$37,925 99
Payment of loan	\$1,000 00	
Bought 5,000 Cumberland Tel. & Tel. 5's	5,345 14	
" 10 Bell Telephone	3,555 00	
" 5,000 New England Cotton Yarn 5's	5,262 50	
	<hr/>	15,162 64
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		\$53,088 63
Balance, Oct. 1, 1899	{ Treasurer, \$3,794 17	
	{ Assistant Treasurer, 71 22	
	{ General Secretary, 320 26	
	<hr/>	4,185 65
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		\$57,274 28

I. TUCKER BURR, JR.,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1899, and find that the footings are correct, that vouchers have been seen for disbursements, that the income has been accounted for, and the cash and bank balances identified.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT,
Corporation Auditor.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARITABLE SOCIETIES.

Payments for Care of Certain Children.

Boston Provident Association	\$2 50
Church Home, for services	400 00
“ “ for board and clothing	380 68
Dedham Boys' Home	22 00
Dorchester Industrial School	22 32
Massachusetts Infant Asylum	2 50
New Bedford Orphans' Home	84 94
Seamen's Orphans and Children's Friend Society	174 72
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	\$1,089 66

Donations.

Congregational Church, Weymouth	\$42 00
Cohasset Ready Service Club	30 00
Waltham Willing Service	11 26
Current Topics Club	14 00
Emerson School	25 00
Master Builders' Association	25 00
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	147 26
Emmanuel Church	148 70
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	\$1,385 62

INVESTED FUNDS.

List of Gifts or of Legacies Restricted to Use as Capital.

1875, Shaw Trust for girls,	1889, E. T. Loring,
“ Shaw Trust for boys,	1890, Elizabeth S. Norton,
1868, Charles G. Loring,	1892, Susan Sturgis Parkman,
1870, Abigail Loring,	1893, E. C. Billings,
1876, Cornelia Loring,	“ Mrs. Mary Hemenway,
1870, — Joy,	“ Miss Emily H. Bourne,
1873, — Dennison,	“ Miss Mary Ann Wales,
1875, Seth Adams,	1894, Mrs. E. T. Eldredge,
1877, — Hemenway,	1895, Arthur Rotch,
“ George Bemis,	1896, Albert Glover,
1878, T. D. Quincy,	“ Martin Brimmer,
“ — Vose,	1897, John W. and Belinda
“ Benj. Sewall,	Randall,
“ — Thornton,	1898, Henry L. Pierce,
1889, Sidney Bartlett,	1899, Mrs. Walter Scott Fitz.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Names marked with an asterisk (*) are of persons who have died.

Adams, Mrs. Walter B.....	\$5.00	Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman....	\$5.00
Ahl, Mrs. Daniel.....	25.00	Blake, W. P.....	5.00
Aiken, Mrs. Walter.....	5.00	Blanchard, Miss W. V.....	1.00
Ames, Mrs. Frederick L. ...	25.00	Boardman, Thomas.....	1.00
Ames, Mrs. James B.....	20.00	Bond, Charles H.....	10.00
Ames, Miss Mary S.....	25.00	Bond, Miss Mabel H.....	5.00
Amory, C. W.	10.00	Borland, Mrs. M. W.....	5.00
Amory, Mrs. C. W.	10.00	Boston Provident Ass'n....	2.50
Amory, Francis I.....	20.00	Bott, Mrs. Frank.....	5.00
Andrews, Miss Mary T.	15.00	Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G.....	10.00	Bowditch, Dr. Henry P.....	2.00
Anonymous	1.00	Bowditch, W. I.....	5.00
Anthony, S. Reed.....	10.00	Boyden, Mrs. Charles	5.00
Appleton, Mrs. Wm.....	25.00	Bradford, Mrs. C. F.	5.00
Arnold, Augustus F.....	1.00	Bradley, Mrs. R. S.	2.00
Aspinwall, Mrs. Thomas ...	64.00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D....	15.00
Atkinson, George.....	10.00	Breck, Gen'l Samuel.....	5.00
Ayer, Dr. and Mrs. J. B....	5.00	Brewer, E. M.	25.00
		Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin ...	64.00
Bacon, C. H. C.	5.00	Brewster, William.....	5.00
Bailey, Miss E. H.	2.00	Brooks, Fred	2.00
Bailey, H. B.	5.00	Brooks, Mrs. Peter C.	30.00
Baker, Harvey H.....	2.00	Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd....	25.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth....	5.00	Brown, Mrs. A. T.	2.00
Barnard, Miss M. W.....	5.00	Brown, Miss Rebecca War-	
Barron, C. W.	5.00	ren.....	10.00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie.....	20.00	Browne, Edward I.....	15.00
Bartlett, Francis	25.00	Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	25.00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.....	10.00	Bryant, Mrs. J. D.....	2.00
Beal, Thomas P.....	5.00	Buck, Mrs. David	5.00
Beals, J. G.....	10.00	Bullard, A. M.	3.00
Bigelow, Mrs. J. S.....	10.00	Bullard, Stephen.....	5.00
Bigelow, Miss M. A.	25.00	Bullard, Mrs. W. S.	20.00
Bigelow, Dr. W. S.	85.00	Bunker, Alfred.....	3.00
Billings, R. C.....	10.00	Burditt, Mrs. Charles A....	2.00
Black, Mrs. G. N.....	20.00	*Burnham, Mrs. John A. ...	25.00
Blake, Mrs. A. W.....	100.00	Burnham, Jr., Mrs. John A..	5.00
Blake, Mrs. George Baty ...	20.00	Burrage, H. L.....	5.00

Cabot, Dr. A. T.	\$20.00	Club, Minute, All Souls'	
Cabot, Mrs. Francis.	10.00	Church, Roxbury	\$0.72
Cabot, J. Elliot.	10.00	Coburn, Mrs. G. W.	10.00
Cabot, John H.	25.00	Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander..	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Louis.	50.00	Codman, C. R.	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Richard C.	10.00	Collamore, Miss	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Walter C.	200.00	Collamore, Miss Helen.	10.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry	2.00	Converse, Mrs. C. C.	5.00
Campbell, Rev. W. R.	2.00	Converse, Stanton & Co.	2.00
Carter's Ink Co.	12.00	Cooledge, Miss Matilda G. .	5.00
Carter, Mrs. William S.	5.00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph.	20.00
Cary, Mrs. Edward M.	85.00	Coolidge, Julian L.	50.00
" For sick children.	50.00	Cotting, Miss Alice	5.00
Cary, Miss G. S.	35.00	Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1.00
Case, Mrs. James B.	52.14	Cowing, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. .	10.00
Cash (calendar)	2.00	Crafts, Mrs. James M.	50.00
Caswell, Homer.	26.00	Crocker, George G.	10.00
Cavanagh, G. H.	5.00	Cross, Dr. H. B.	5.00
Chandler, Mrs. F. W.	15.00	Cunningham, Jr., Mrs. F.	10.00
Channing, Miss E. P.	1.00	Curtis, Mr. & Mrs. C. P.	20.00
Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5.00	Curtis, Miss Elinor.	5.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W.	10.00	Curtis, Mrs. Greely S.	25.00
Cheever, Miss Helen	10.00	Curtis, Miss I. P.	3.00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P.	5.00	Cushing, Grafton D.	10.00
Church, All Souls', Roxbury,	7.52		
Church, Cong., Cohasset,		*Dabney, Mrs. L. S.	5.00
Ready Service Circle of		Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00
King's Daughters.	30.00	Dana, Jr., Mrs. R. H.	5.00
Church, Cong., Waltham,		Davis, Mrs. Simon.	5.00
Willing Circle King's		Dean, Mrs. Charles A.	25.00
Daughters	11.26	Debogory, Miss Mary	3.00
Church, Congregational,		De Long, Mrs. E. R.	2.00
Weymouth	42.00	Denny, Miss Mary G.	3.00
Church of Disciples, S. S.		Dewey, Miss Mary E.	1.00
Class	1.50	Dexter, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Church, Emmanuel	148.70	Dexter, George	50.00
Clapp, James H.	1.00	Dexter, Mrs. Morton.	5.00
Clark, Chester W.	1.00	Dexter, William S.	10.00
Clark, Herbert	2.00	Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. .	7.00
Clark, Mrs. John T.	15.00	Dole & Bailey	2.00
Clarke, Miss L. F.	20.75	Drummond, Mrs. James	10.00
Club, Current Topics, All-		Dwight, Edmund	10.00
ston	14.00		
Club, Framingham, Wom-		Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00
an's, per Miss E. W. Fiske,		Eliot, Mrs. Samuel.	10.00
President	6.00	Ellis, Miss Emily B.	50.00
Club, Petersham, Girls'	6.00	Erlebach, Adolph	10.00

Ernst, Mrs. Harold C.....	\$5.00	*Greenough, Mrs. W. W....	\$5.00
Evans, Mrs. Glendower.....	25.00	Grew, Edward S.....	50.00
Fair, Mellen St., Cambridge,	11.60	Grew, Mrs. Edward S.....	10.04
Fairbanks, Miss M. B.....	1.00	Grew, Henry S.....	60.00
Faulkner, Dr. George	50.00	Guild, Miss Charlotte H. ...	10.00
Fay, Mrs. J. S., Jr.	10.00	Guild, Miss Harriet J.	2.00
Fay, Lillie, Alice, Ethel,			
Rosamond, Richard, and		Hale, Mrs. George S.....	25.00
Arthur	10.00	Hammer, Mrs. E. C.....	25.00
Fegan, Mrs. Wm. J.....	2.00	Hartwell, Henry W.....	7.00
Field, Parker B.....	2.00	Haynes, John C.....	100.00
Fisher, George J.....	2.00	Head, Mrs. Charles	5.00
Fitz, Mrs. R. H.	5.00	Hemenway, Mrs. Charles P.	10.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	100.00	Henshaw, Miss E. L.....	4.20
" For permanent fund ..	1,000.00	Hicks, Mrs. Mary Dana....	1.00
FitzGerald, Desmond.....	5.00	Hill, Mrs. Wm. H.	5.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00	Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.....	10.00
Folsom, Miss Amy.....	25.00	Hitchcock, John.....	10.00
Ford, Daniel S.	25.00	Hoadley, James H.	2.00
Fortner, Mrs. A. C.	2.00	Holden, A. J.	2.00
French, J. D. W.....	5.51	Homans, Mrs. John	20.00
Friend, through Miss A. P.		Homer, Thos. J. ....	.50
Jackson.....	10.00	Hooper, Edward W.....	100.00
Friend, through Miss Palfrey,	1.00	Hooper, Mrs. J. R.	10.00
Frothingham, Edward.....	5.00	Hooper, Mrs. R. C.	10.00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen...	5.00	Houghton, Mrs. C. S.	10.00
Fry, Mrs. Charles.....	25.00	Howe, Henry S.....	25.00
		Hubbard, Charles Eustis ...	10.00
Gahm, Sebastian.....	5.00	Hubbard, C. W.....	50.00
Gaillard, Mrs. L.	15.00	Hubbard, James M.	10.00
Gardiner, Mrs. R. H.....	2.00	Hudson, John E.....	10.00
Gill, Augustus H.....	2.00	Hughes, W. H.	2.00
Glover, Joseph B.	100.00	Humphreys, Richard C.	2.00
Glover, Nathan H.	5.00	Hunneinan, Miss Elizabeth	
Goddard, George A.....	25.00	A.....	2.00
*Goddard, Mrs. M. T.	5.00	Hunnewell, F. W.....	25.00
Goldthwaite, Joel E.....	5.00	Hunnewell, H. H.....	100.00
Gorham, Mrs. W. H.....	10.00	Hunnewell, H. S.	5.00
Grant, Mrs. S. M.....	2.00	Hunnewell, Miss Jane B. ...	5.00
Gray, Mrs. Asa	10.00	Hunnewell, Walter.....	25.00
Gray, Miss Harriet.....	25.00	Hutchins, C. F.....	10.00
Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00	Hutchins, Mrs. H. G.	12.00
Gray, Russell	5.00		
Greene, Mrs. F. B.....	10.00	Jackson, Miss A. P.	47.50
Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.....	5.00	Jackson, Charles C.	25.00
Greenleaf, Mrs. Lyman B...	15.00	Jackson, Mrs. C. C.	26.55
Greenough, C. P.	2.00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.....	20.00
		Jackson, Edward	55.00

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

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Jackson, Mrs. Henry	\$5.00	Lowell, Miss R. R.	\$5.00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	20.00	Lyman, Arthur T.	15.00
Jackson, Miss Marian C.	25.00	Lyman, Miss B. H.	5.00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5.00	Lyman, Mrs. George H.	10.00
Jaques, Miss Helen L.	10.00	Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00
Jaynes, C. P.	10.00	Lyman, Miss Mabel	10.00
Johnson, Mrs. F. W.	2.00		
Jones, B. M.	2.00	Magoun, Herbert.	2.00
Jones, Miss Ellen M.	2.00	Manning, Mrs. F. C.	3.00
		Marston, R., & Co.	10.00
Kehew, Mrs. Wm. Browne. .	5.00	Mason, Miss Ellen F.	300.00
Kennedy, Miss Louise.	25.00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	1,700.00
Kidder, Mrs. Charles A.	5.00	Mason, M. B.	10.00
Kidder, Mrs. H. P.	20.00	Mason, W. Powell.	20.00
Kimball, Mrs. David P.	150.00	Mass. Charitable Fire So-	
Kimball, Mrs. L. C.	2.00	ciety.	75.00
King's Chapel, Committee on		Mass. Infant Asylum	2.50
Charities	100.00	Master Builders' Association,	25.00
Kingsley, C. W.	5.00	Matchett, Mrs. Wm. F.	10.00
		M. A. W.	16.00
Lamb, H. A.	50.00	May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00
Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100.00	Merriam, Charles	10.00
Laughlin, Mrs. H. M.	10.00	Merriam, F.	2.00
Lawrence, Amory A.	5.00	Merrill, Joshua	5.00
Lawrence, Miss Marian	20.00	Mifflin, Mrs. George H.	2.00
Lawrence, Rt. Rev. Wm.	25.00	Minot, Mrs. Charles S.	10.00
Lawrence, Mrs. W. R.	5.00	*Minot, Dr. Francis	5.00
Lee, Francis W.	2.75	Mixter, Miss M. C.	25.00
Lee, George C.	25.00	Moffett, Mrs. E. L. D.	5.00
*Lee, Henry	100.00	Morrill, Miss Amelia B.	5.00
Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph. .	200.00	Morrill, Miss F. E.	5.00
Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	1.00	Morse, Miss F. R.	20.00
Lincoln, W. H.	5.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Livermore, T. L.	10.00	Morton, Mrs. Marcus.	5.00
Lodge, Mrs. John E.	5.00	Moseley, Miss Ellen F.	10.00
Lombard, The Misses	5.00	Motley, Mrs. E. Preble	10.00
Lootz, G.	2.00	Murdock, Miss Maria.	10.00
Loring, The Misses	65.00		
Loring, Miss K. P.	10.00	Newman, Albert H.	10.00
Loring, Mrs. W. C.	135.00	Nichols, Benj. W.	25.00
Lothrop, Mrs. Thornton K.,	25.00	Nichols, Miss M. P.	5.00
Loud, Miss Sarah P.	5.00	Nickerson, Andrew.	10.00
Lovering, Mrs. C. T.	10.00	Nickerson, Howard T.	2.00
Lowell, Mrs. E. J.	10.00		
Lowell, Miss G.	25.00	Page, Dr. Calvin Gates.	2.00
Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	25.00	Paine, The Misses.	50.00
Lowell, Mrs. John	10.00	Paine, R. T., Association ..	100.00
Lowell, Miss Lucy	10.00	Paine, Mrs. R. T., 2d	20.00

Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C...	\$6.00	Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M.	\$15.00
Palfrey, Miss S. H.	2.00	Sargent, Charles S.	10.00
Parker, Charles W.	10.00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00
Parker, Miss E. G.	10.00	Sargent, Ignatius.	5.00
Parker, Miss Eleanor S.	5.00	Schlesinger, Barthold	10.00
Parkinson, Mrs. John	25.00	Schmidt, Arthur P.	10.00
Parkman, Miss E. S.	5.00	School of Miss F. V. Emer-	
Parsons, The Misses	10.00	son.	25.00
Parsons, Miss G.	10.00	Seamen's Orphans and	
Parsons, Miss Lucy	3.00	Children's Friend Society,	174.72
Parsons, Theophilus.	55.00	Sears, F. B.	5.00
Parsons, Thomas P.	1.00	Sears, Mrs. F. R.	10.00
Peabody, F. H.	25.00	Sears, Henry F.	50.00
Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott ..	100.00	Sears, Herbert M.	10.00
Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50.00	Sears, Mrs. K. W.	25.00
Pickering, Mrs. Henry.	100.00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	20.00
Pickering, H. G.	5.00	Sever, Miss Emily.	10.00
Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25.00	Seymour, Miss Mary D.	1.00
Pierce, Mrs. N. W.	5.00	Shapleigh, Walter C.	2.00
Pierce, Phineas	2.00	Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	100.00
P. M.	10.00	Shaw, Francis.	10.00
Potter, Mrs. W. B.	20.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland	25.00
Pratt, Laban	2.00	Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell..	5.00
Proctor, Miss Mary B.	10.00	Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100.00
Putnam, Miss E. C., Trustee,	20.00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10.00
Putnam, Mrs. J. J.	5.00	Simpkins, Miss M. W.	5.00
		Smith, Miss Paulina C.	5.00
Randolph, Mrs. J.	10.00	Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00
Read, Miss Sarah E.	25.00	Sohier, the Misses.	6.00
Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howell.	5.00	Sohier, Miss E. D.	5.00
Revere, Mrs. Paul J.	2.00	Sprague, Mrs. G. W.	2.00
Reynolds, W. H.	5.00	Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00
Richards, Mrs. Susan B.	25.00	Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	13.00
Richardson, Mrs. E. C.	2.00	Stanwood, Frederick.	5.00
Richardson, Dr. W. L.	100.00	Stearns, Mrs. Charles H. ...	2.00
Robbins, Royal E.	10.00	Stetson, Amos W.	5.00
Rockwell, Mrs. A. P.	12.00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5.00
Rodman, S. W.	5.00	Stone, Miss Katharine H.	2.00
Rogers, Miss A. P.	5.00	Storer, Miss Abby M.	5.00
Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00	Storrow, Miss E. R.	6.00
*Ropes, John C.	20.00	Storrow, James J.	25.00
Rolfe, Prof. W. J.	5.00	Stratton, Charles E.	2.00
Rotch, Miss Joanna.	1.00	Stratton, Solomon	5.00
Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20.00	Sunday School, Second	
		Church	10.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Henry.	5.00	Sweetser, F. E.	5.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett. ...	10.00	Sweetser, J.	5.00
		Sylvester, Herbert.	26.00

Taber, Mrs. Sarah W.	\$2.00	Weld, George W.	\$5.00
Tapley, Miss Alice P.	5.00	Weld, Mrs. M. W.	5.00
Tapley, Amos P.	5.00	Wellington, Miss Ethel L. . .	10.00
Tappan, Miss M. A.	50.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. G. W. . .	5.00
Thacher, Mrs. Charles A. . .	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W. . .	20.00
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	10.00	White, Mrs. Joseph H.	5.00
Thompson, Mrs. A. C.	2.00	Whitney, Edward F.	25.00
Thorndike, Charles	25.00	Whitney, George.	5.00
*Thorndike, Mrs. John H. . .	100.00	Whitney, Pousland & Co. . .	2.00
Thorp, Mrs. J. G.	10.00	Whittemore, Miss Maria M. .	3.00
Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00	Whitwell, Miss N. S.	5.00
Tolman, James P.	37.00	Whitwell, Miss Sophia L. . .	10.00
Tufts, James W.	20.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas.	50.00
Turner, Alfred T.	3.00	Wilder, H. A.	5.00
Tuttle, Mrs. J. H.	10.00	Willard, Mrs. Z. A.	5.00
		Williams, Mrs. and the	
Upham, Miss Susan.	50.00	Misses.	20.00
		Williams, Miss L. H.	50.00
Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin . . .	10.00	Williams, Miss Ruth.	25.00
		Wilson, Mrs. W. P.	5.00
Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F.	2.00	Winslow, W. T.	5.00
Wainwright, Miss R. P.	5.00	Winsor, Miss Amy T.	1.00
Walker, Miss M. S.	50.00	*Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	50.00
Walker, Grant.	5.00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	30.00
Walker, Guy Warren.	10.00	Wood, Henry	2.00
Ward, Miss Caroline E.	5.00	Wood, Mrs. H. Holton . . .	1.50
Ward, Samuel, Co.	2.00	Woods, Henry	10.00
Ware, Miss M. L.	15.00	Worcester, John	10.00
Weeks, Mrs. Andrew G.	5.00	Worcester, Miss Margaret C. .	5.00
Welch, Charles A.	50.00		
Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25.00
Weld, Mrs. A. Davis.	5.00	Young People of Chelsea,	
Weld, Mrs. George.	25.00	through Rev. Lyman M.	
		Greenman	10.87

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS TO ROCK LAWN FARM.

- Dwight & Jewett, Misses, "Well Spring" for one year.
Gray, Mrs. Asa, "Our Dumb Animals," and "Indian Helper."
Gray, Mrs. Sarah, papers through the year.
Hartshorn, F. E., clothing.
Howe, Frank D., 24 boxes tooth-powder, 6 tooth-brushes, books.
Jackson, Miss Anna P., Thanksgiving, \$5.00, books, Christmas presents, confectionery.
Jackson, Charles L. and Ernest, clothing.
Jackson, P. T., Jr., clothing.
Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. A., Thanksgiving, \$10, Christmas, \$20.
Lewis, Mrs. J. E., 58 books and magazines.
Loring, Miss Katharine P., 6 geographies, cake, and candy.
Phelps, Mrs. M. N., papers through the year, 18 handkerchiefs, 18 pairs of wristers.
Sloper, Mrs., games and books.
Stone, Miss Ellen J., box of tools.
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MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS AT THE OFFICE.

- Adams, Miss F. M., files of "Harper's Monthly," "Review of Reviews," "Harper's Weekly," and "McClure's."
Appleton, Mrs. F. H., 10 articles of clothing.
Boston Sewing Circle, 41 articles of clothing.
Buffington, Mrs. Eugene L., undergarments.
Cushing, Miss Constance J., 16 articles of clothing.
Davidson, Charles W., 1 year's subscription to "Ladies' Home Journal."
Francis, Parker B., 5 picture-books, 1 puzzle, 1 set paper soldiers, slate, saw, and nest of blocks.
High Street Congregational Church, Lowell, King's Daughters, Circle of, 14 articles of clothing.
Hilliard, Miss Miriam, package of "Kindergarten News."
Hooper, Raymond, 1 baby carriage.
Jewett, Mrs. Freeland, 41 articles of clothing.
Lee, Mrs. Francis, 1 baby carriage.
Lend-a-Hand Club of 1874, through Mrs. L. B. Greenleaf, 31 towels.

Lewis, Miss Frances E., 1 book.

Needle-work Guild, Boston Branch of, 65 articles of clothing.

R. F. Sewing Circle, through Miss H. Loring, 20 articles of clothing.

Smith, Mrs. Huntington, 4 books.

South Friendly Society of South Congregational Church, Boston, 69 articles of clothing.

Storrs, Miss M. A., 2 games.

Storrs, Mrs. Richard, 10 articles of clothing.

Thompkins, William C., 3 articles of clothing.

Walker, L. D., 54 straw hats, and box of feathers.

Winslow, Mrs. W. C., 1 baby carriage.

Wood, Mrs. H. Holton, 6 articles of clothing.

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MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR OCT. 1, 1899, TO OCT. 1, 1900.

Adams, Miss F. M., box of illustrated papers and magazines.
Anonymous, 1 Dickens' Works for Christmas.
Appleton, Mrs. Francis H., 16 garments, half-dozen collars, half-dozen neck-
ties.
Beeman, Mrs. M. H., package of clothing.
Boston Sewing Society, 60 garments.
Coffin, Miss Annie, and Jones, Miss Sarah, box of books and toys for
Christmas.
Denton House, 10 dolls, dressed.
Farguhar & Co., R. & J., package of flower seeds for Home Libraries.
Folsom, Mrs. Norton, 129 garments, 1 box of buttons.
Goodwin, Mrs., 19 articles of infants' clothing.
Jackson, Miss A. P., 24 magazines, 162 Christmas presents.
Jewett, Mrs. Ireland, 12 articles of clothing.
Jones, Miss Sarah, and Coffin, Miss Annie, box of books and toys for
Christmas.
Lee, Mrs. F. W., baby carriage.
Lend-a-Hand Club of 1874, of First Parish Unitarian Church, Brookline, 40
garments for infants.
Lexington Lend-a-Hand Club, connected with Unitarian Church, Lexington,
package of clothing.
Needlework Guild, Boston Branch of, 70 articles of clothing.
Ninety-Eight Sewing Circle, 30 flannel undershirts.
South Friendly Society, South Congregational Church, 94 articles of
clothing.
Sowers of Dorchester, The, barrel of clothing, 7 articles of clothing, 1 infant's
outfit.
St. James Episcopal Church, North Cambridge, package of papers.
Sunday School Class, Church of the Disciples, 2 copies of "Alice in Won-
derland" for Home Libraries.
Winsor, Mrs. Ernest, 50 articles of clothing.
W. C. T. U., Flower Mission of, box of flowers.

Whitney, Pousland & Co...	\$2.00	Willing Circle of King's	
Whitemore, Miss Maria M.	3.00	Daughters, Waltham...	\$9.64
Whitwell, Miss	10.00	Wilson, Mrs. W. P.	5.00
Whitwell, Miss N. S.	5.00	Winslow, Walter T.	5.00
Wiglesworth, George	150 00	Winsor, Miss Amy T.	1.00
Wiglesworth, Thomas	50.00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	30.00
Willard, Mrs. Z. A.	5.00	Wood, Henry	2.00
Williams, Mrs. and the	20.00	Wood, Mrs. Holton	28.00
Williams, Miss L. H.	50.00	*Worcester, Rev. John	10.00
Williams, Miss Ruth	25.00	Worcester, Miss Margaret C.	5.00
Williamson, Mrs. Wm. C...	3.58	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25.00

\$2.00	Revere, Mrs. Paul J.	\$2.00	Stilson, Dr. W. C.	\$8.00
5.00	Reynolds, W. H.	5.00	Storer, Miss Abby M.	5.00
25.00	Richards, Mrs. John.	25.00	Stratton, Charles E.	5.00
2.00	Richardson, Mrs. E. C.	2.00	Stratton, Solomon	5.00
100.00	Richardson, Dr. W. L.	100.00	Sweetser, J.	5.00
10.00	Robbins, Royal E.	10.00	Taber, Mrs. Sarah W.	2.00
10.00	Rockwell, Mrs. A. P.	10.00	Tapley, Miss Alice P.	5.00
5.00	Rodman, S. W.	5.00	Tapley, Amos P.	5.00
505.00	Rogers, Miss A. P.	505.00	Thacher, Mrs. Charles A.	10.00
5.00	Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00	Thayer, Nathaniel	19.64
20.00	Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20.00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	10.00
10.00	Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett	10.00	Thompson, Mrs. A. C.	2.00
15.00	Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00	Thompson, Charles H.	42.30
100.00	Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop	10.00	Thorndike, Charles	25.00
10.00	Schlesinger, Barthold	10.00	Thorp, Mrs. J. G.	10.00
10.00	Schmidt, Arthur P.	5.00	Tilston, Mrs. John B.	5.00
157.17	Seamen's Orphan and Children's Friend Society	5.00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00
5.00	Sears, F. B.	50.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
50.00	Sears, Henry F.	10.00	Tufts, James W.	10.00
10.00	Sears, Herbert M.	25.00	Turner, Alfred T.	3.00
20.00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	50.00	Upham, Miss Susan	50.00
2.00	Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	10.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin	10.00
10.00	Shaw, Francis	.32	Visitor of Home Library	
25.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland	2.00	Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F.	2.00
18.00	Shaw, Henry Russell	5.00	Wainwright, Miss R. P.	5.00
5.00	Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	5.00	Walker, Grant	5.00
100.00	Sheldon, Mrs. Elizabeth	25.00	Walker, Miss Caroline E.	5.00
25.00	Shimmin, Miss Blanche	5.00	Ward, Samuel, Company	2.00
5.00	Simpkins, Miss M. W.	40.00	Warren, S. D.	150.00
3.00	Smith, Miss Alice Weston	5.00	Weeks, Mrs. Andrew G.	5.00
2.00	Snow, Mrs. F. B.	6.00	Welch, Charles A.	50.00
6.00	Sowers of Dorchester, The	2.35	Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
10.00	Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5.00
15.00	Stanwood, Frederick	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. G. W.	10.00
2.00	Stearns, Mrs. Charles H.	5.00	White, Mrs. Joseph H.	5.00
5.00	Statson, Amos W.	25.00	Whitney, Edward F.	25.00
5.00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5.00	Whitney, George	5.00

King's Daughters Circle,			
through Miss Annie J.			
Reed			
Kuhn, Mrs. M. R.	5.00		
Lamb, H. A.	65.00		
Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100.00		
Lawrence, Miss Marian	20.00		
Lawrence, Rt. Rev. Wm.	25.00		
*Lawrence, Mrs. W. R.	5.00		
Lee, George C.	25.00		
Lee, Henry.	50.00		
Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph	500.00		
Lincoln, W. H.	5.00		
Livermore, T. L.	10.00		
Lombard, The Misses.	5.00		
Lootz, G.	2.00		
Lord, Mrs. W. H.	10.00		
Loring, Augustus Peabody.	50.00		
Loring, The Misses.	30.39		
Loring, Mrs. W. C.	130.00		
Lothrop, Mrs. Thornton K.	25.00		
Loud, Miss Sarah P.	5.00		
Loving, Mrs. C. T.	10.00		
Lowell, Mrs. E. J.	10.00		
Lowell, Miss Georgina.	25.00		
Lowell, Mrs. John	10.00		
Lowell, Miss Lucy.	10.00		
Lyman, Arthur T.	20.00		
Lyman, Miss B. H.	5.00		
Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00		
Lyman, Miss Mabel	10.00		
Magoun, Herbert	2.00		
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	3.00		
Mason, Miss Ellen F.	300.00		
Mason, Miss Ida M.	1500.00		
Mason, W. Powell	20.00		
Master Builders Association	25.00		
Mass. Charitable Fire Society	75.00		
Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10.00		
M. A. W.	12.00		
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00		
Means, Mrs. James	47.21		
Merrill, Charles	10.00		
Merrill, Joshua	5.00		
Miffin, Mrs. George H.	2.00		
Morrill, Miss Amelia	\$5.00		
Morrill, Miss F. E.	5.00		
Morse, Miss F. R.	20.00		
Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00		
Moseley, Miss Ellen F.	5.00		
Motley, Mrs. E. Preble.	10.00		
Murdock, Miss Maria	10.00		
New Bedford Orphans Home	48.00		
Nichols, Benjamin W.	25.00		
Nichols, Miss M. P.	5.00		
Nickerson, Andrew	10.00		
Nickerson, Howard T.	2.00		
Office of late George S. Hale	4.25		
Paine, Robert Treat	5.00		
Paine, The Misses	50.00		
Palfrey, Mr. & Mrs. J. C.	6.00		
Palfrey, Miss S. H., & friend	2.00		
Parker, Miss E. G.	10.00		
Parker, Harrison	5.00		
Parkinson, Mrs. John	25.00		
Parkman, Miss E. S.	5.00		
Parkman, Miss M. R.	72.18		
Parsons, The Misses	10.00		
Parsons, Miss Georgiana	10.00		
Parsons, Miss Lucy	3.00		
Parsons, Theophilus	55.00		
Peabody, F. H.	25.00		
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	10.00		
Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50.00		
Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25.00		
Pierce, Mrs. N. W.	5.00		
P. M.	10.00		
Potter, Mrs. W. B.	10.00		
Prager, Philip	5.00		
Prescott, Miss Josephine F.	25.00		
Proctor, Miss Mary B.	10.00		
Putnam, Miss E. C., Trus-	20.00		
tee	5.00		
Putnam, Mrs. James J.	25.00		
Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howell	5.00		
Reed, Miss Sarah E.	1.00		
Relative, Grateful			

\$5.00	Fitz Gerald, Desmond.	10.00	Holland, Mrs. J.
10.00	Flagg, Mrs. Augustus.	100.00	Hooper, E. W.
25.00	Folsom, Miss Amy.	10.00	Hooper, Mrs. J. R.
5.00	Folsom, Dr. C. F.	10.00	Hooper, Mrs. R. C.
50.00	Friend, through Miss A. P.	10.00	Houghton, Mrs. C. S.
30.00	Jackson.	150.00	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G.
Friends, per Rev. Roderick		15.00	Howe, Henry S.
Stebbins.		5.00	Hubbard, Charles Eustis.
35.00	"Friends in Cambridge," per	50.00	Hubbard, Charles W.
61.00	Mrs. Robert S. Morison.	10.00	Hubbard, James M.
5.00	Frothingham, Edward.	10.00	*Hudson, John E.
5.00	Frothingham, Miss Ellen.	2.00	Humphreys, Richard C.
25.00	Fry, Mrs. Charles.	2.00	Hunneiman, Miss Eliza-
5.00	Gahm, Sebastian.	2.00	beth A.
15.00	Gaillard, Mrs. Mary.	25.00	Hunnewell, F. W.
25.00	Gardiner, Miss Eugenia.	28.00	Hunnewell, Miss Jane B.
2.00	Gardiner, Mrs. R. H.	100.00	Hunnewell, H. S.
50.00	Glover, Joseph B.	5.00	Hunnewell, H. S.
25.00	Goddard, George A.	25.00	Hunnewell, Walter.
11.00	Goddard, R. H. I.	15.00	Hutchinson, Wm. S.
5.00	Goldthwaite, Joel E.	100.00	Hyams, Godfrey M.
5.00	Gorham, Mrs. W. H.		Industrial School for Crip-
60.00	Gray, Mrs. Asa.	10.14	pled & Deformed Children
100.00	Gray, Miss Harriet.		Italian Conference of St.
5.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald.	4.44	Vincent de Paul.
5.00	Gray, Russell.	40.00	Jackson, Miss A. P.
10.00	Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00	Jackson, through Miss A. P.
5.00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	22.87	Jackson, Mrs. C. C.
2.00	Greenough, C. P.	120.00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.
50.00	Greenleaf, Mrs. Lyman B.	52.00	Jackson, Edward.
23.79	Grew, Edward S.	5.00	Jackson, Mrs. Henry.
50.00	Grew, Henry S.	5.00	Jackson, Mrs. Henry B.
30.00	Guild, Miss Harriet J.	20.00	Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.
2.00	Ham, Wallace H.	25.00	Jackson, Miss M. C.
10.00	Harbison, Robert.	7.00	Jackson, Mrs. P. T.
8.00	Hart, Prof. Albert Bushnell.	10.00	Jaynes, Miss Helen L.
2.00	Hartwell, Henry W.	20.00	Jaynes, C. P.
7.00	Haynes, John C.	2.00	Jones, Miss Ellen M.
225.00	Head, Mrs. Charles.	5.00	Kehew, Mrs. Wm. Browne.
10.00	Hemenway, Mrs. Charles P.	10.00	Kidder, Henry T.
5.00	Hill, Mrs. William H.	5.00	King, Miss S. Frank.
5.00	Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.	100.00	King's Chapel, Comm. on
10.00	Hitchcock, John.		Charities.

Callender, Mrs. Henry	\$2.00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph	\$10.00
Calley, Rev. Walter	19.64	Coolidge, Julian L.	50.00
Campbell, Rev. W. R.	2.00	Cottling, Miss Alice	5.00
Caproni, P. P.	32.00	Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1.00
Carter, Mrs. Wm. S.	5.00	Cowing, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.	10.00
Cary, Mrs. Edward M.	200.00	Crafts, Mrs. James M.	50.00
Case, Mrs. James B.	39.28	Crocker, George G.	5.00
Cavanagh, G. Henry	5.00	Cross, Dr. H. B.	5.00
Channing, Miss E. P.	1.00	Cunningham, Mrs. C. A.	25.00
Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5.00	Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	10.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W.	10.00	Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P.	20.00
Cheever, Miss Helen	10.00	Curtis, Miss Elmore	5.00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P.	5.00	Curtis, Mrs. Greely S.	25.00
Children's Entertainment at	80.00	Curtis, Miss Isabella P.	5.00
Church Home	267.17	Curtis, Louis	20.00
Church, All Souls Unitarian	7.63	Cushing, R. M.	25.00
Sunday School		Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00
Church, Baptist, Rutland,	1.50	Dalton, C. H.	10.00
Vt., Primary S. S. Class of,		Dana, Mrs. R. H., Jr.	5.00
Church of Disciples, S. S.	1.50	Day, Mrs. Lewis	5.00
Church, Emmanuel	248.78	Decham Boys' Home	22.00
Church, First Baptist, Charles-	16.68	De Long, Mrs. E. R.	2.00
town		Denny, Miss Mary G.	3.00
Church, Second, S. S.	10.00	Dexter, George	25.00
Church, St. John's M. E.,	3.00	Dexter, Mrs. Morton	5.00
South Boston	22.86	Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F.	20.51
Church, Trinity	2.00	Drummond, Mrs. James	10.00
Church, Union, S. S., Con-	15.00	Duncklee, Miss Helen L.	2.00
cord Junction	1.00	*Dwight, Edmund	10.00
Clapp, James H.	1.00	Eaton, Miss G. C.	10.00
Clark, Chester W.	1.00	Ellis, Miss Emily B.	50.00
Clark, Mrs. Frederic Sim-	2.00	Emerson, School of Miss	25.00
mons	9.84	F. V.	5.00
Club of Arlington, Clover	7.39	Ernst, Mrs. Harold C.	5.00
Lend a Hand		Fay, Lillie, Alice, Ethel, Ro-	
Coburn, Mrs. G. W.	10.00	samond, Richard, and Ar-	
Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander	10.00	thur	10.00
Codman, Charles R.	10.00	Field, Miss	5.00
*Collamore, Miss	10.00	Field, Parker B.	5.00
Collamore, Miss Helen	10.00	Fiske, Mrs. J. N.	25.00
Converse, Mrs. C. C.	5.00	Fitz, Mrs. R. H.	5.00
Coolidge, Miss Matilda G.	5.00	Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott	100.00

INVESTED FUNDS.

List of Gifts or of Legacies Restricted to Use as Capital.

1889, E. T. Loring,	1875, Shaw Trust for girls,
1890, Elizabeth S. Norton,	" Shaw Trust for boys,
1892, Susan Sturgis Parkman,	1868, Charles G. Loring,
1893, E. C. Billings,	1870, Abigail Loring,
" Mrs. Mary Hemenway,	1876, Cornelia Loring,
" Miss Emily H. Bourne,	1870, — Joy,
" Miss Mary Ann Wales,	1873, — Dennison,
1894, Mrs. E. T. Eldredge,	1875, Seth Adams,
1895, Arthur Rotch,	1877, — Hemenway,
1896, Albert Glover,	" George Bemis,
" Martin Brimmer,	1878, T. D. Quincy,
1897, John W. and Belinda L. Randall,	" — Vose,
1898, Henry L. Pierce,	" Benj. Sewall,
1899, Mrs. Walter Scott Fitz.	1889, Sidney Bartlett,

TREASURER.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

TO OCT. 1, 1900.

Current Expenses.

Salaries of General Secretary, Assistant Secretary,
Stenographer, Bookkeeper, and General Assistant, \$5,447 19
Bureau of Information, 3 assistants 2,084 40
Placing Out Agency, 5 assistants 3,705 67
Home Libraries, assistant, Graduate and Pro-
bation Agent 2,079 50
Office boy 166 25
\$13,483 01

Board and clothing of children in charge of Placing-
Out Agency. \$17,153 96
Board and clothing of children in charge of Volun-
teer Committee 480 79
Expenses of special children 26 39
17,661 14

Home Libraries 207 50
Graduates and probationers 23 72
General expenses — Christmas 49 87
Travel 1,444 68
Stationery, postage, and printing 647 91
Express, telegraph, and telephone 253 98
Light, heat, and care of office 375 32
Supplies, and equipment of office 63 71
Sundries, including revenue stamps 168 87
Annual Report 148 50
3,152 84

Pine Farm taxes \$420 78
Auditor 30 00
Lawyers 50 00
500 78
\$35,028 99

Bought 50 Union Pacific p'fd 3,793 75
" 50 Atchison p'fd 3,631 25
Uninvested capital 2,211 75
9,636 75

Balance, Oct. 1, 1900 { Treasurer, \$362 65
Assistant Treasurer, 679 07
General Secretary, 321 68
1,363 40

\$46,029 14

I. TUCKER BURK, JR.,

Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1900, and find that the securities are on hand, as called for by the invest-
ments, that the income from same has been accounted for, that vouchers are on hand for all
disbursements, that the footings of the cash books are correct, and that the balance of cash
on hand at close of year has been properly identified.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. WRIGHT.

REPORT OF I. TUCKER BURR, JR., TREASURER, in account with the

OCT. 1, 1899,

Balance on hand October 1, 1899 \$4,185 65

Current Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$6,599 15
Received from Ashton Trust	1,400 00
Annual subscriptions	2,346 00
Donations	7,879 95
Special donations	842 91
	<hr/> 19,068 01

Rent of Pine Farm	\$480 00
Sale of various articles, and witness' fees	64 39
	<hr/> 544 39

Received from parents, relatives, or guardians	\$7,380 61
" " Overseers of the Poor of Cities and Towns	4,642 04
" " City Military Aid	216 00
" " Charitable Societies	924 11
	<hr/> 13,162 76

Mortgage paid	\$3,225 33
Rights sold	843 00
	<hr/> 4,068 33
Legacy of Daniel S. Ford	5,000 00
	<hr/> \$36,960 81

\$46,029 14

sulting physicians who give so lavishly of their time and skill, and to our honorary counsel, as well as to other physicians and lawyers, who help us in varied exigencies. We have spoken of the volunteers who make the Home Libraries work possible. But the number of those who give financial support or personal service must be increased. We cordially invite to visit the headquarters, at 43 Charity Building, any one who is interested in the purposes of the Society.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL,

General Secretary.

from their present amount, less than \$150,000, to \$300,000, and thus enable them to meet one-half of the net yearly expenditure, would be well placed in the interest of exposed, neglected, forlorn children in our great and growing city. It follows, also, that if the principal of present invested funds is not to be drawn upon, the expenditure must be reduced by \$2,300 the coming year, or that amount must be secured from increased or new donations.

OUTLOOK.

We cannot safely stand still, much less retreat. The past fifteen years have been marked by change and development. The next fifteen will probably be hardly less so, if the work is progressive and effective. We must improve present methods and discover new ones.

A number of tasks challenge us. We do not, for instance, yet dare to involve the Bureau of Information in the work which school teachers, employers of juvenile labor, and the police could only too readily place before it. The cases that come to us now keep us under full pressure all the time. Nor may we venture with our present funds or staff of workers to multiply the Home Libraries, or extend the work of oversight in their own homes of individual children especially exposed to evil influences. Again and again veritable nests of corruption of youth are brought to our attention. With or without the aid of the police or other agencies we break them up as best we may, but the limitations of our resources force us to shut our eyes to the possibility of discovering and checking evils, of the existence of which we are only too sure. How long must we look away from these boys and girls whose steps we know are downward?

Clearly this cannot be the business of any mere handful of people, but is the business of all who share in what Boston offers of protection, opportunity and enjoyment. We cannot thank sufficiently those who contribute to the work so steadfastly from year to year. We are under deep obligation to our con-

The report of the treasurer shows that to meet the expenses of the year, \$2,300 had to be taken from a legacy. Therefore, if legacies are not to be applied, nor any part of them except the income, to current expenses, there was a deficit of \$2,300. The invested funds now yield an income equal to only about one-sixth of the gross expenditure, and less than one-fourth of the net cost to charity. A charity of this character should not have an invested fund from the income of which it could meet its entire expenses, but it seems not unreasonable to believe that it would be an unqualified advantage to the work if one-half of its net expense were thus provided for. The necessity of raising the other half from year to year would be an adequate guarantee that the Society would keep in touch with the public. Bequests or special gifts, therefore, to carry the invested funds

FINANCES.

the year the applications received have involved eleven hundred and fifteen children. The needs, as they appeared to us, of six hundred and sixteen were met by the Society itself. Of this number, three hundred and sixty-one were assisted by advice and planning, often involving much work and long-continued oversight; one hundred and sixty-nine were cared for by our Placing-out department; and fifty-five by the Probation Agency. For three hundred and ninety-one help was sought from a wide range of agencies, forty in all, including the Associated Charities of Boston and neighboring cities, the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, the Charity for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the state and city authorities, the Federation of Jewish Charities, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Provident Association, the Industrial Aid Society, the day nurseries, various hospitals, and kindred organizations. The Society not only seeks information from the records of the Associated Charities, but now "registers" with that organization those cases in which such registration may be useful to our own and other societies and not unfair to the applicants.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE BOSTON
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

1900

THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

OCTOBER, 1899, to OCTOBER, 1900.

OFFICE
43 CHARITY BUILDING, CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

FROM ACT OF INCORPORATION.

1865.

SECTION I. Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin. . . .

ARTICLE I. OF THE BY-LAWS — *Membership* :

"The Corporation shall consist, besides those named in the Act of Incorporation, of all persons who shall have been Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Clerks, or Treasurers thereof; of such persons as shall give to the Corporation at any one time twenty-five dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of twenty-five dollars or upwards; and of such persons as shall be elected members by the Directors, by ballot, at any stated meeting of the board."

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of
dollars to be applied to the uses of
said corporation.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO MISS
ELLEN G. PARKER, 191 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON.

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Mr. Charles Woodsum.

Other Volunteer Helpers.

Miss Rebecca H. Clapp,
Miss Eva Dix.

CENSUS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE OVERSIGHT OF
THE SOCIETY OR IN ITS CARE DURING
THE YEAR 1899-1900.

Placed-out in families under super- vision	258	} Under direct care Oct. 1, 1900 .	582
Under supervision in their own homes	264		
Under supervision elsewhere . .	60		
Members of Home Libraries			637
<i>Total number, Oct. 1, 1900</i>			<u>1,219</u>
Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on-Oct. 1, 1900			267
Besides those enumerated above, the following have received the benefit of the advice and assistance of the Bureau of Information			881
<i>Total for the Year</i>			<u>2,367</u>

METHODS IN BRIEF.

THE SOCIETY investigates cases of exposed, destitute and wayward children; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit; studies questions relating to children; records experience; promotes needed legislation; encourages coöperation among child-helping agencies.

THE BUREAU OF ADMISSION, INFORMATION, AND COUNSEL investigates each case submitted to it. Methods of aid are: 1st, information and advice; 2d, reference to other agencies or to, 3d, various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

THE PLACING-OUT AGENCY places children in private families, chiefly in the country, under careful supervision.

THE PROBATION AGENCY befriends boys under 17, arrested and placed on probation in our charge; also truants and friendless boys.

HOME LIBRARIES are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements and penny savings and to foster a wholesome home life.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTEER WORK.

This Committee was dismissed May 1, 1900, and its work of placing-out girls was handed over to the Placing-out Agency. A brief history of the Committee is here given. It really began in 1879, when the Board of Directors voted to make use of the income of the Shaw fund for girls, which had been accumulating since the death of Miss Shaw in 1875. No work had been done for girls since the Girls' Home was closed in 1872.

Miss Susan M. Lawrence (later Mrs. William C. Loring), Miss Helen Paine, and Mr. Edward W. Hooper were made a committee to employ this income for the benefit of wayward girls. The selection of the girls and of the homes in which they were to be placed was left to the committee.

The first four girls were taken from the Gwynne Temporary Home for Children and after many years of careful oversight by the Committee they grew into good women and were happily married; they still correspond with their former visitors.

The membership of the Committee was enlarged or altered from time to time, while the work was carried on in the same satisfactory manner.

In 1897 the Committee was reorganized with a new understanding of executive powers, and its name was changed from the Committee for Wayward Girls to the Committee on Volunteer Work. Mrs. William C. Loring continued to be chairman as she always had been; the other members were Miss Helen Paine, Miss Ellen G. Parker, Mrs. Richard M. Staigg, Miss Grace Keyes, and later Miss Elizabeth R. Storrow; they were helped in visiting by nine volunteers with whom they met at stated intervals to receive reports and discuss cases, while informal

visits and consultations were constant with the chairman of the Committee, who was chiefly responsible for the work.

Regular reports of the condition of the girls were sent to the office. The girls in charge were chosen for the Committee by the Bureau of Information and they were placed in homes recommended by the office, as a rule, though in certain cases the visitors found the homes. The girls selected were supposed to be good instead of wayward.

The Committee and visitors were much interested in their work and conducted it diligently; in many cases they paid for clothes, etc., instead of applying to the Society. The visitors varied of course in capacity, but they all learned much and the work done for the girls was excellent.

Finally, however, owing to various reasons, the chairman resigned, and the other members of the Committee decided to give up their work. Two of the visitors continue to take charge of their girls as volunteers in the Placing-out Agency.

The Committee since 1879 has taken charge of seventy-two children, ten for a short time only. The remaining sixty-two were cared for by twenty-one different persons, many of whom have continued the friendships thus formed with their girls even after marriage, and the old visitor is always welcomed in the new home, where her influence is felt by the whole family in a natural and charming manner.

Of the sixty-two children before mentioned, twenty-one have turned out well; eleven, still in the care of the Society, promise well; three have died; four have proved to be feeble-minded. Of the remainder, some are known to have turned out badly, others have been lost sight of, and some are doubtful.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Through the maze of details in our work run certain broad purposes. These last few years have been years of fulfilment in large ways. Though the individual case is and must be the basis of all we do, results transcending the individual case are the sure fruit of thorough and unfettered treatment of each case as it arises. Public opinion, legislative enactment, the method and growth of charity tend, after all, to take account of experience thus gained.

REFORMS WHICH THE SOCIETY HAS HELPED.

The occasion of the founding of this Society was a meeting in the Rev. James Freeman Clarke's church, called at the suggestion of a teacher in the Newsboys' School, to consider the case of a certain "Jim" Slattery, one of her pupils, sentenced to the county jail for throwing stones. At this meeting Mr. Rufus R. Cook, chaplain of the jail, described his work for the boys imprisoned there. "Uncle Cook," as the boys called him, was presently engaged as the first executive officer of the Society, which was incorporated in 1865.

When this work to see what could be done for "children of tender age under criminal prosecution" was thus begun, it would have required an optimist indeed to venture to predict what would be accomplished in that direction before the close of the century. The cottage training-farms of this Society, "Pine Farm," "Foxboro," and "Weston," established in behalf of such children, have done their work and been given up, because the alternative is no longer commitment to Deer Island with its institutions for adults. The Truant School has come to the mainland, is built on the "cottage system," and

has taken the gentle title of "Parental School." The House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders is now on Rainsford Island by itself, and, it is to be hoped, has but stopped on its way to the mainland. These institutions are no longer associated in management with the insane and the adult poor and criminal, but are under the direction of a special board of trustees, made up of men and women chosen for their public spirit and peculiar fitness for such service.

For the transfer of the Truant School from Deer Island to the mainland, many a battle has been fought by this Society, side by side with the School Committee, at the State House, at City Hall, in the press. The superiority of the cottage over the congregate system has been persistently urged. The legislation to dissociate the children from the insane and adult paupers and criminals was a long-drawn-out, difficult contest, in which this Society bore a strenuous part.

A bill drafted in the office of the Society, and enacted by the legislature in 1896, established the present plan of parole of truants from the Parental School. The novel feature of the law is its provision that the approval of the superintendent of the public schools, jointly with that of a justice of the court which sentenced the truant, shall be necessary to his release on parole, and that the conditions upon which the child may be at liberty, as well as the question of the revocation of the permit, shall be determined together by the authorities of the Parental School and the superintendent of the public schools. The child, therefore, is not returned from the truant school before the expiration of his sentence without the assent of the superintendent and an opportunity for proper oversight. The superintendent has taken great interest in the working of the law, and has declared it successful.

PROBATION.

Again, the work of the Society is linked with the very beginnings of what is to-day perhaps the most significant feature of prison reform — probation. One can hardly get beyond "Uncle Cook" as he searches for its origin. Allowed to go from court without sentence, with "Uncle Cook" as surety and under his

responsible oversight, the lad had an opportunity to redeem himself by good behavior. Of late years the Society has extended this work. It now requires almost the entire time of one of our agents, who attends the central court daily and other courts as occasion demands. Relatives, teachers, employers, church friends, physicians are enlisted in the effort to change the direction of the boy's footsteps. Always the aim is to make the probation no perfunctory release, but the occasion of an aggressive effort to induce the lad to mend his ways.

The year closes with three hundred and two boys from seven to twenty years of age under supervision, taken on probation from the courts or on what we call "voluntary probation" by arrangement with parents. Those from the courts, of course, were first taken on probation when they were under seventeen years, and therefore, in the eyes of the law, "juvenile offenders." Of this number one hundred and twenty-nine are doing well, one hundred and thirty-two fairly well, and forty-one are not doing well.

Probation, now in operation throughout Massachusetts for adults as well as juveniles, is being tried in other states. Information has been furnished in response to inquiries from various states and from abroad.

TRUANCY LEGISLATION.

As from day to day truant boys and girls were brought to our attention, facts came to light revealing a widespread non-enforcement of compulsory education laws, and wretched conditions in some of the truant schools of the state. We accordingly secured the introduction into the legislature of a resolve calling for an investigation into school attendance and truancy throughout the state. The resulting inquiry and agitation, extending over three years, during which this Society shared with the State Board of Education the labor and penalties of the undertaking, ended in the enactment, in 1898, of many of our most vital recommendations.

The opposition of the county commissioners prevented the proposed change from county to state truant schools, at least

for the time being, but the schools were made subject to official inspection by both the State Board of Education and the State Board of Charity, in whose annual reports may now be found some account of these institutions.

It was provided that truant girls, the few actually brought to court being usually aggravated cases, should be sent to the State Industrial School for Girls, instead of being left at large or sent to the same schools as the boys.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Another important provision of the bill related to the right of a child to attend school where he resides. The law gave to every child the right to attend the public schools in the town or city in which his parent or guardian had a legal residence, but did not extend this fundamental guarantee of free education to children separated from their parents or guardians, or to those placed out through charitable agencies. More and more, as the pressure on school accommodations and the cost of transportation of pupils in sparsely settled districts was felt, the question was being raised as to the right of such children to attend school free of charge, and as to how a town or city permitting attendance should reimburse itself. This rapidly growing evil was overcome, and a service performed of incalculable benefit to many children, by the statutory establishment of the right of every child to attend the public schools without charge not only in the town or city in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence, but also in that "in which the child himself actually resides."

The period of compulsory attendance at school for children up to fourteen years of age was raised from thirty weeks per year to the entire time the schools are in session, usually forty weeks per year.

The minimum age at which a child may be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment was raised from thirteen to fourteen years.

AN INTERMEDIATE REFORMATORY.

From day to day, in specific cases at the office or at court, we see the hardship involved for a certain class of boys in the present classification of the criminal institutions of the state. The limit of the age of commitment to our excellent state reform school, the Lyman School, is fifteen years, and to raise it to any higher age, such as seventeen years, as it used to be, would be a detriment to that school. The city reform school, the House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders, receives boys up to sixteen years of age, and any change should lower rather than raise that limit. Boys, therefore, just above these ages, if sent to any correctional institution, must be committed to a county house of correction or the State Reformatory at Concord. Such disposition means association with adult criminals. There are usually at the Concord Reformatory, where the age of admission runs to forty years, between two hundred and three hundred boys over fifteen but under eighteen years of age. The only remedy seems to be a further classification of our institutions by the establishment of an intermediate reformatory for boys from fifteen to perhaps eighteen years of age. The agitation for this institution, begun last winter and assisted by this Society, will probably be renewed during the coming session of the legislature.

PLACING-OUT.

Some fifteen years ago the Society ceased to confine itself to wayward children. Prevention was carried a step farther back. Out of the pressure to do something for exposed children developed various enterprises, conspicuous among them being our placing-out work. During the past year the Society has had charge of four hundred and twenty-two children in families. The average daily number has been two hundred and sixty-seven. Readers of our previous reports have had some hint of the responsibility and work involved. Every kind of evil has brought the children to us, and every variety of child capable of being cared for in a family is found in this large group.

The varied uses of private home life in our work receive ever ample illustration. The acceptance of families only after searching investigation, the constant supervision, one might almost say training, of both child and family in their relations to each other, and steady pressure on relatives for help toward expenses, are cardinal points. Faith in the method and insistence on alertness and thoroughness still go hand in hand.

Our "graduates," the children who return to the city and still need oversight, are visited in their homes by one of the placing-out agents.

It is pertinent to note here that in these fifteen years of practical illustration and advocacy of the real home for the homeless child, the charities of the community have turned more and more in this direction. The proportion of the children of charity who breathe the air of normal freedom has risen year by year. Repeated attempts to establish an institution of the old congregate type have failed. The state has closed its Primary School, the city its Marcella Street Home. Various institutions have developed their placing-out departments, two of them selecting for their management agents of this Society. Still another of our agents is going to Baltimore to take charge of the Henry Watson Children's Aid Society. The Church Home, after employing this Society experimentally to place out boys from the Stanwood School, has itself taken up the work.

The old bitterness of discussion as to the merits of families and institutions seems in no small measure to have passed away. With the trend toward the newer system an especial responsibility for efficient work rests upon those who illustrate it, lest through laxity of method the new should finally prove to be no advance upon the old.

In a history of the "Care of Destitute, Neglected, and Delinquent Children," by Homer Folks, Secretary of the New York State Charities Aid Association, published this year, our Society is credited with being "among the first to develop a careful, systematic, and satisfactory plan for the investigation of the character and circumstances of families applying for children," and having "exerted a powerful influence in raising the

standards of placing-out work, not only in Massachusetts, but also in other states."

HOME LIBRARIES.

Out of personal work among children in their own homes came the invention of the Home Libraries. Now, in their fourteenth year, they number seventy-four.

Libraries of twenty volumes are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods, and from time to time exchanged for fresh sets. Around each library is organized a group of ten boys and girls who meet once a week with a volunteer visitor in the home where the library is placed. A varied influence for good is brought to bear upon a large number of children, training them in appreciation of books, in home amusements, in thrift through stamp savings, in courteous, cheerful, improving social intercourse, in the observance of the golden rule on which depends the success of each group.

Our appreciation of the work of the volunteer visitors, book reviewers, and other assistants is here gratefully recorded.

Home Libraries have been established under varied auspices in Lynn, Lawrence, Holyoke, Providence, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, Tacoma.

Although here in their original home the libraries are twice as many as in any other city, why should they not be doubled? They now require, in addition to the service of the volunteers, the entire time of one of the office staff. Both visitors and money are needed for their further development.

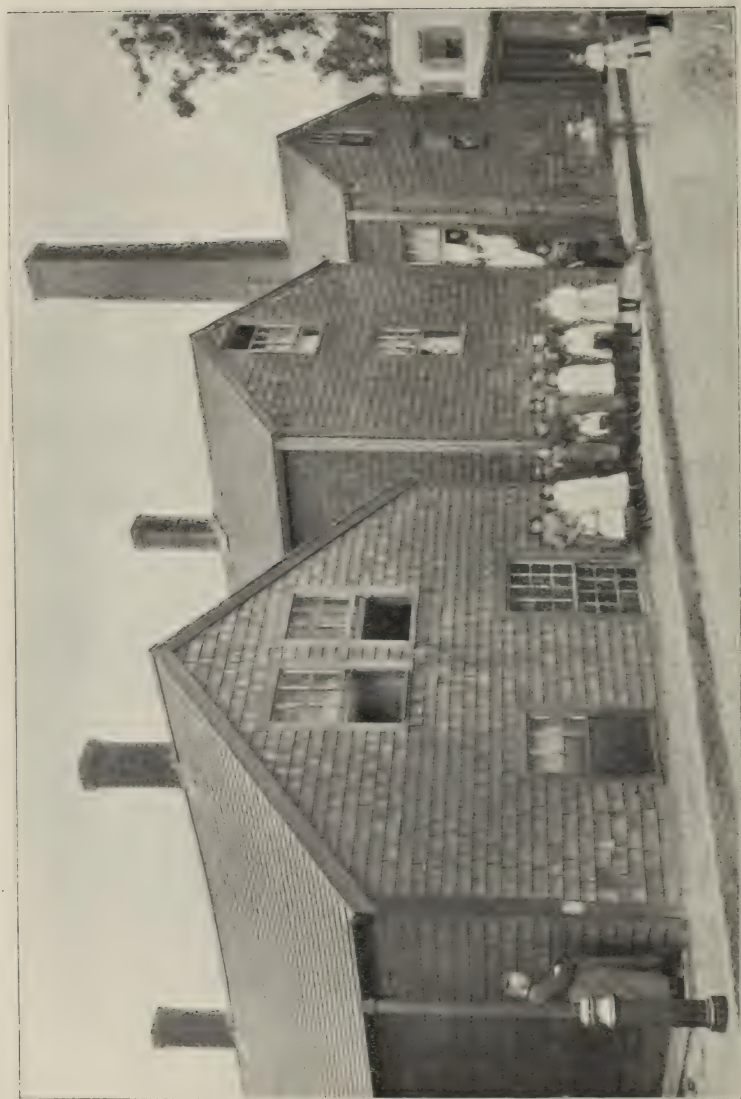
BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

The invariable derivation of methods from cases is illustrated also by the establishment and gradual growth of our Bureau of Information. It stands at the threshold of our work, and investigates carefully the condition of each child brought to its attention.

In each case the best plan is made that can be devised under the circumstances; and if this plan fails, another is tried. During

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CENSUS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE OVERSIGHT OF THE SOCIETY OR IN ITS CARE DURING THE YEAR 1900-1901.

Oct. 1, 1901:

Placed-out in families under supervision	236	
Under supervision in their own homes	317	
Under supervision elsewhere	61	
Members of Home Libraries	570	
Total number Oct. 1, 1901		1,184
Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on Oct. 1, 1901		208
Besides those enumerated above, the following have received the benefit of the advice and assistance of the Bureau of Information	759	
Total for the year		2,151

METHODS IN BRIEF.

The Society investigates cases of exposed, destitute, and wayward children ; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit ; studies questions relating to children ; records experience ; promotes needed legislation ; encourages co-operation among child-helping agencies.

The Bureau of Admission, Information, and Counsel, investigates each case submitted to it. Methods of aid are : first, information and advice ; second, reference to other agencies ; third, care or oversight of various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

The Placing-out Agency places children in private families, chiefly in the country, under careful supervision.

The Probation Agency befriends boys under seventeen, arrested and placed on probation in our charge ; also truants and friendless boys.

Home Libraries are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living-room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements, and penny savings, and to foster a wholesome home life.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Full of significance is the portion of the Act of Incorporation of the Children's Aid Society in 1865, which states its objects:—

“Charles G. Loring, George Bemis, Francis C. Lowell, Charles F. Barnard, James Freeman Clarke, Marshall S. Scudder, and James Tolman, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston Children's Aid Society, for the purpose of providing temporary homes for vagrant, destitute, and exposed children, and those under criminal prosecution, of tender age, in the city of Boston and its vicinity, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin.”

Here, linked with the names of highly honored citizens of Boston, was provision for broad and vital work. “Boston and its vicinity” seems all but prophetic of the growth to the present great metropolitan population, including a million people, with all that this means of complicated and distressing conditions for children among the poor, and of need for varied and extensive philanthropic activity in their behalf.

The final motive and purpose, moreover, is revealed in words that may well guide the thought and action of the Society steadily and always “to rescue children from moral ruin.” It was the moral ruin of children that stirred the founders of the Society to action and that still is the incentive to its every activity.

The first step was to provide rural training schools for wayward children. These training farms became unnecessary, and

were given up, when the public institutions for such children were dissociated from penal institutions for adults, and otherwise reorganized. In the persistent efforts that resulted in these changes the Society took an active part. Its purpose led it further to establish, and later to extend its work of personal oversight, in their own homes, of children on probation from the courts. Its avowed object being seen to involve provision for homeless and exposed children before they became wayward, the placing-out work was undertaken, and has now grown to large proportions. Still further, the fundamental motive of moral prevention led to the devising and operating of its long chain of Home Libraries, reaching the homes of the poor in every part of the city with their friendly and stimulating influence. Again, the original motive led the Society to undertake to investigate all cases that might be brought to it involving needy, exposed, or wayward children, and to see what could be done in their behalf.

The department last referred to, our Bureau of Information, stands now, in a sense, at the threshold of the whole work. Through it the Society serves as a general agency for children to which the courts, truant officers, police, charity workers, public school teachers, physicians, neighbors, friends, may refer any case involving a needy child. Indeed, the poor themselves, even individual boys and girls, come straight to us in most serious need. The Society is pledged to take up each case, investigate it thoroughly, and seek the best possible solution of the difficulty, either within the resources of the child's own relatives and friends, or through the intervention of its own special departments, or through appropriate public or private charitable agencies. A case involves a study of the whole family history and situation, and dealings with parents and relatives

as well as the children. Our first effort always is to meet the situation through resources within the child's own natural circle of help,—its immediate family, other relatives, friends, even the child's own capacity for self-help. Every conceivable difficulty arising from sickness, accident, death, ignorance, loss of work, drunkenness, crime, moral exposure, bad habits, has to be grappled with ; the confidence of all manner of people has



A free home.

to be won ; all sorts of false views have to be patiently dissipated ; the ignorant must be informed, the morally tempted or weak roused. Often no better help can be given to a distressed applicant than wise advice inspired by insight, patience, and judgment, and enforced by personal influence. In cases involving two hundred and sixty-four children during the past year this kind of assistance alone has been given. The sum paid for the salaries and incidental expenses required for this portion

of our work is in striking contrast to the great saving of expense to charities, public and private, and the great moral gain to the poor.

The extensive use of specialists is worthy of notice. The Society has the unpaid services of a board of seven consulting physicians,—three specialists in nervous and mental diseases, one surgeon, and three general practitioners, one man and two women. The Society brings to bear also upon the children who are brought to its care the professional skill of a large number of other medical specialists who give their services, and also the entire range of our hospitals and special medical agencies. The medical, surgical, and dental work done for our children saves us annually a very large sum. We are also deeply indebted to our legal counsellors. These generous services of physicians and lawyers give us cause for much gratitude.

Six hundred and twenty-four children have been taken in charge by our other departments or have required, at one stage or another of our work for them, the help of outside special charitable agencies. We acknowledge gratefully the cordial co-operation of the long list of charitable, medical, educational, and religious organizations whose services we have thus enlisted.

The Placing-out Department has had in its absolute care within the year an average of two hundred and sixty-seven children, and a total of three hundred and sixty-one children, of both sexes, of all ages, sick and well, bright and defective, well-behaved and wayward. The year closes with two hundred and fifty-one in charge of the department. They are cared for in private families in New England. Of this number one hundred and ten are boarded, and eighty-six are receiving a home free of charge; all of these who are old enough attend school. Forty are earning wages. Ten are with relatives either temporarily or on trial.

If this number of children were cared for in institutions, not less than thirty care-takers on salary would be necessary:

whereas we require in this department only five salaried visitors, and the results achieved in a great variety of ways are, in our judgment, superior.

Here, again, the principle of utilizing every possibility of self-help is followed by requiring relatives to pay, according to ability, toward the care of these children. During the year \$8,465.91 has been collected from



Boys at board.

relatives,—widows, widowers, grandparents, elder brothers and sisters, now and then even a comparatively poor friend. The place in which a child is boarded is often chosen with the especial view of making visits by these relatives inexpensive. Natural ties are respected, and often the pleasantest relations are established between the relatives of the child and the family in whose care it is placed.

Some of the families become, as it were, a part of the working force of the society, grow to understand the children and our principles, and become able to care for difficult children. Two

dollars per week is the usual price paid for board, and within the year we have not had to pay more than four dollars for even the most exceptional child. A boy whose face was hideous with lupus was boarded at four dollars per week in a thoroughly attractive New England family, near enough to the hospital to permit the brave, gentle, unfortunate lad to have the benefit of the highest professional skill, with wonderful results. A crippled, epileptic, feeble-minded girl of eight years was boarded at the same price, and received most affectionate care; and in two months the average of epileptic seizures per day was reduced from thirteen to three. In the face of facts like these one cannot help feeling impressed with the elasticity and range of this family plan.

The increased tendency toward the adoption of this method in the care of children throughout the country is of good omen, provided the methods of selecting families and of supervision of the children placed in them are held to a sufficiently high standard.

The work of per-



In a free home.

sonal oversight in their own homes of boys placed on probation by the courts, or brought to us by officers or by anxious parents before arrest, has been kept up throughout the year, with no abatement of the careful study of each boy, and the persistent effort to make the period of probation a turning-point for the better in the boy's life. Each boy is made to understand his own faults and their costliness, to study how his evil doing came to pass ; and, as far as possible, he is aroused to an effort to cure himself of whatever fault or weakness is back of it all. The co-operation of his family, teacher, employer, friends, is sought. A total of four hundred and twelve have been under supervision. One hundred and forty-one were school-boys, two hundred and one working-boys. The year closes with three hundred and eleven under oversight, of whom one hundred and eighty-two came from courts and one hundred and twenty-nine in other ways. It may be said that fifty-four are doing poorly, one hundred and forty-seven are doing fairly well, and one hundred and ten are doing well.



The Home Libraries, so many little home clubs scattered throughout the city, number, at the close of the year, sixty in active operation, each with its group of about ten girls and boys. Of the five new libraries, two were started at the request of the University Settlement at the North End and one at the request of the Jewish settlement, the latter with a young Jewish woman as visitor. We have had the help of eighty-seven volunteer visitors during the year. Three were formerly themselves members of home library groups. Twelve were students from Harvard. The penny savings in the libraries during the year have amounted to \$205.08. The usual spring flower sales have been

held, and also the festivals in the fall for those who had kept plants alive through the summer. For ninety boys summer outings have been obtained at Camp Lincoln, Wayland. In no year have we got nearer to the individual children in the libraries. That the good influence of the libraries on family life is not without recognition among the poor themselves is shown by the appeal of a little girl of eleven years, living in one of the most wretched streets in the whole city, that a library might be placed in her home, because she thought it would "keep her mother sober."

We aim to graduate the children, when they become young men and women, into an intelligent use of the Public Library. The natural friendship between the little libraries and the latter has received a recognition, for which we are grateful, in the privilege now accorded us of holding the monthly conferences of the Home Library Visitors at the Public Library.

The bill for an "intermediate reformatory" for boys, in the advocacy of which before the legislature the Society joined for the second time last winter, did not pass, though it met with a more favorable consideration than the year before. There seems to be reasonable ground, however, for belief that the hardship so widely recognized, especially by the courts, of sending boys between fifteen and eighteen years of age to Concord Reformatory, with the necessity of association with grown men, will be remedied, if not in precisely the manner proposed, still in some suitable way.

The work of this Society, limited during the first twenty years to a small number of boys and girls, has developed in the last fifteen years to such an extent that its proper performance is now possible only by means of a largely increased income. During the first period referred to, the average annual expen-

diture was about \$5,000. During the greater portion of the latter, it has been about \$35,000. This increase has taken place in spite of the persistent policy of turning over to other appropriate agencies, public and private, whatever work it was known would be performed well by them.

The general plan of work that has been indicated saves the Society from all expense for "bricks and mortar." Its offices are in the Charity Building, where it simply pays its share of the expense of heating and lighting the building. The large number of children under its care are in their own homes or in other private families. Even the gatherings of the Home Libraries call for no expenditure for buildings or rent, the meetings of each group being held in the home of the child librarian.

The work demands a high grade of personal service. Various charitable agencies, public and private, within the State and outside, have called to their employ people who have gained experience with this Society; and applications have been received for opportunities to secure training here in exchange for work given.

Every possible method is adopted to secure the responsible and effective performance of the work. The Board of Directors meets monthly; each department has a special committee; the executive authority given to the General Secretary renders prompt, vigorous, and business-like action possible from hour to hour. The accounts are audited by a paid expert.

The bequests of such men as Martin Brimmer and Henry L. Pierce have indicated their critical approval of the work. The Randall Charities Trustees, who in 1897 gave to Harvard University and to the Institute of Technology about \$100,000 each, and sent \$50,000 South to promote trade education, assigned \$50,000 to this Society, and showed their confidence in its



A boarding home,

financial management by joining it with Harvard University and the Institute of Technology in certain contingent liabilities in connection with these gifts.

It is a simple fact that the inadequacy of the funds with which the Society has to do its work is seriously felt from day to day. Its invested fund, moreover, is disproportionately small in comparison with its total expenditure. The Society does not believe that it would be wise for it or any similar society to possess invested funds sufficient to meet, from income, the entire expenditure; but it does believe that, if it is to perform properly its function in the community, not only is a larger income immediately required to meet urgent needs, but also a larger proportion of its annual expenditure should be guaranteed by income from invested funds.

The intensely personal character of the work throughout cannot be overstated. The entire equipment and personal force of the Society is at the service of each individual child from the moment it is brought to our attention until the period of need is entirely passed, whether that period extends over a week or a year or the entire minority of the child.

In spite of the evil and degradation met every day, we are constantly impressed with the number of upright, hard-working poor who seek our assistance in real difficulties, and do their absolute best in a spirit which is often hardly short of heroism.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL,
General Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS BY THE COMMITTEE ON
PROBATION AGENCY.

PREVENTIVE WORK FOR A JUVENILE "GANG."

The work of this department is too varied for any case or cases to be called typical, but the following history of a gang of boys shows certain phases of it : —

In November, 1895, six years ago, a group of seven Jewish boys were placed on probation at court for stealing fruit from a store one Sunday evening. Somebody broke the window, and the boys then took what fruit they could reach. They were all school-boys, between the ages of ten and fifteen, living with their parents; and none of them had been arrested before.

One boy of twelve had no brothers or sisters, and was the son of a widow who worked in a tailor's shop. She dressed herself well, but her son shabbily; and he had been so neglected that he had to be taken to a dispensary to have his scalp treated. She spoke but little English, always calling her son "she"; and her usual response to Mr. Lawrence's inquiries after him was, "She no good." This was the only case continued at court for longer than two months, and four months later this boy was sent to the Truant School. He now works in a hotel and boards away from home, as he does not get along well with a new step-father. He has worked steadily for a year, but is rather a spendthrift.

Two brothers of ten and fifteen had both parents living and

belonged to a large family. Their father was a cobbler, and had a shop of his own. The younger one was fined some months later for driving a horse without leave, and was sent this summer to the House of Reformation for stealing, where he still is. His brother, the oldest boy in the gang, is now working in a newspaper office, and is in training for a professional boxer, as a side employment, under the name of "Young Kelly." Kelis is the original Jewish name.

The next boy in this group was thirteen years old, and a member of a large family. His parents kept a grocery store, in the back of which they lived. He required comparatively little oversight, and seems to have done well, except for being fined a year later for gambling by pitching pennies in the street. He is now temporarily out of work, but has nearly learned the baker's trade in a Jewish bake-shop.

Another pair of brothers, eleven and twelve years old, belonged to a family of nine children, five of them younger than these boys. They also kept a grocery store in the front of their house. The younger one now works in a Jewish clothing house. The older has been in the same place for three years as apprentice to a cigar-maker, and has nearly learned his trade.

We now come to the last boy, twelve years of age, whose father peddled fruit from a push-cart. This boy has needed much attention; and Mr. Lawrence writes of him: "Roubenovitch has been an amusing acquaintance. He has visited me faithfully, and has considered it his special duty to report to me the wrong doings of his acquaintances, especially those who have displeased him." He is now a bootblack in a barber's shop, but is a rolling stone. To sum up:—

Six of these seven boys were dismissed from reporting at

court at the end of two months, but continued under Mr. Lawrence's oversight. Reporting to him, reports from school, visiting, etc., were kept up a good deal with some of them, and but little with others, according to their needs. Four of them were helped more or less in finding work after leaving school. Three of the seven have since been complained of in court, but only one of these for stealing; and it seems probable that this boy had been stealing a good deal before arrest. Five are now working, one is only temporarily out of a place, and the seventh is in the House of Reformation. These boys were of the idle, lawless sort, who easily grow into criminals. So, though the results achieved do not read like the model Sunday-school story, it is something to have made six of the seven fairly respectable and self-supporting.

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS BY THE COMMITTEE
ON PLACING-OUT.

The following cases among the discharged children show the good results of placing-out :—

1. A boy who has been in our charge eight years, and has done well steadily. He is now twenty-one, and remains in the family where he has lived for these eight years.

2. Another boy, seven years in charge, now twenty-one, is working with a blacksmith, and has had his pay raised twice.

3. A girl, now twenty-one, has good and steady work at parlor millinery, which she learned under our care, as she was too delicate for housework.

4. A boy who was brought to us twelve years ago by his grandparents, his mother being insane, his father a drunkard, the grandparents being unable to keep him and his brother, but ready to pay something toward their support. He was placed in the country, and later worked his way through the New Hampton Literary Institute. He is now nineteen, and is working in a machine shop to earn money for a further education.

5. An ignorant, rather feeble-minded boy, who was with us nine years, and received most careful and patient training in an excellent home. He is now twenty-one, self-supporting, and living near his guardian.

6. This boy came to our Foxboro Training Farm at the age of eight, his record being “unmanageable in school, delights in

tormenting children." He was there nearly four years, improved gradually in his habits and disposition and wonderfully in his lessons, learning to work well indoors and out. He was placed out for three years, and was always a good worker ; but he had to be moved often, as he was inclined to be saucy and stubborn. He is now living with his uncle, working on an express team and going to evening school.

7. A girl of nineteen, now well married and living in Nova Scotia with her husband's family, liked and respected by them. She was the illegitimate child of a white woman, who later married a colored man and wished to get rid of her. A very bright little girl of eight, full of undesirable knowledge, she was a constant anxiety and problem to her visitor and the women with whom she was boarded. No idea can be given in this short space of the time and thought spent on her. She went in time to a free home with a married sister of these women, and entered the high school, but was seized with a sudden freak, partly curiosity and love of adventure, and ran away, wandering alone about Boston for some weeks. She stumbled into some disreputable haunts, where she had a sharp experience, and went back to Miss Prescott of her own accord, thoroughly frightened and repentant, and ready to go to the Lancaster School if it was thought best. To her surprise and gratitude, her former friends took her back ; and she was later married from their house to a respectable, well-to-do young man. Friends and neighbors were asked to the wedding, and everything done for her as if she had been an own daughter. She writes constantly to them and to Miss Prescott, giving amusing and intelligent accounts of her happy life.

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Oct. 1, 1900,

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1900	\$1,363.40
Uninvested capital on hand Oct. 1, 1900	2,211.75

Current Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$7,125.95	
Received from Ashton Trust	1,450.00	
Annuity from estate of Robert B. Brigham	1,000.00	
Annual subscriptions	3,345.00	
Donations	6,738.01	
Special donations	2,186.18	
		\$21,845.14
Rent of Pine Farm		480.00
Received from parents, relatives, and guardians,	\$8,465.92	
Received from Overseers of the Poor of Cities and Towns	\$2,341.78	
Received from City Military Aid	268.00	
Received from Charitable Societies	509.12	
		11,584.82
Total current receipts		33,909.96
Amory Mfg. Co., reduction of capital stock by $\frac{1}{8}$ of 25 shares	\$833.33	
Amory Mfg. Co., proceeds of two-thirds of a share @ 47 $\frac{1}{2}$,	94.25	
Sold 10 Fitch. R.R. 4s of 1929 @ 113	11,320.83	
Sold Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. rts.	1,968.00	
Cambridge Savings Bank deposit withdrawn	1,000.00	
		15,216.41
Legacy of Henry Saltonstall		2,500.00
Legacy of Frances M. Mackay, per Henry B. and Amelia R. Good- win, executors		10,000.00
		\$65,201.52
 Total current receipts		33,909.96
Total current expenses		33,859.86
Balance		\$50.10

TREASURER.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

to Oct. 1, 1901.

Current Expenses.

Salaries of General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, general assistant, stenographer, book-keeper, two agents in Bureau of Information, five visitors in Placing-out Agency, Home Libraries assistant, graduate and probation agent, office boy	\$13,152.73	
Board and clothing of children in charge of Placing-out Agency	16,649.43	
Travel	1,206.76	
Stationery, postage, and printing	818.20	
Express, telegraph, and telephone	233.79	
Light, heat, and care of office	396.96	
Supplies and equipment of office	161.40	
Sundries, including miscellaneous expenses for special children, and revenue stamps	322.19	
Christmas	30.78	
Home Libraries	291.91	
Annual report	110.93	
Pine Farm taxes and insurance	444.78	
Auditor	40.00	
Total current expenses		\$33,859.86
Bought 1,000 K. C., Clinton & S. 5% @ 94½	\$956.53	
" 10 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. 4s @ 99½	9,983.33	
" 5,000 Ill. Steel Pl. 5s @ 99¼	5,089.58	
" 1,000 C., B. & Q. joint 4% @ 96⅞	9,675.00	
		25,704.44
Balance Oct. 1, 1901 : —		
Treasurer, including uninvested capital	\$5,340.30	
General Secretary	296.92	
		5,637.22
		\$65,201.52

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1901, and find that the securities are on hand as called for by the investments, that the income from same has been accounted for, that vouchers are on hand for all disbursements, that the footings of the cash books are correct, and that the balance of cash on hand at close of year has been properly identified.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. WRIGHT.

LEGACIES AND SPECIAL GIFTS.

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|-------|---|-------|---|
| 1868. | Charles G. Loring. | 1893. | Miss Emily H. Bourne (Gift). |
| 1870. | Abigail Loring. | 1893. | Miss Mary Anne Wales. |
| 1870. | Nabby Joy. | 1894. | Mrs. E. T. Eldredge (Gift). |
| 1870. | Robert Waterston. | 1895. | Arthur Rotch. |
| 1873. | Miss C. L. Dennison (Gift). | 1896. | Moses Kimball. |
| 1875. | Shaw Trust for Girls. | 1896. | Albert Glover. |
| 1875. | Shaw Trust for Boys. | 1896. | B. P. Cheney. |
| 1875. | Seth Adams. | 1896. | Martin Brimmer. |
| 1877. | Augustus Hemenway. | 1896. | Thomas T. Wyman. |
| 1877. | George Bemis. | 1896. | Mrs. E. T. Eldredge. |
| 1878. | T. D. Quincy. | 1897. | John W. and Belinda L. |
| 1878. | Benjamin Sewall. | | Randall, per Trustees. |
| 1879. | Miss C. L. Dennison (Gift). | 1898. | Henry L. Pierce. |
| 1889. | Sidney Bartlett. | 1898. | J. Putnam Bradlee. |
| 1889. | Elisha T. Loring. | 1899. | Mrs. Walter Scott Fitz (Gift). |
| 1890. | Elizabeth S. Norton. | 1900. | Daniel S. Ford. |
| 1892. | Susan Sturgis Parkman (Gift
of Mrs. Henry P. Sturgis). | 1901. | Henry Saltonstall. |
| 1893. | E. L. Billings. | 1901. | Frances M. Mackay, per
Henry B. and Amelia R.
Goodwin, executors. |
| 1893. | Mrs. Mary Hemenway (Gift). | | |

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

[For donations in kind, see page 33.]

Names marked with an asterisk (*) are of persons who have died.

Ahl, Mrs. Daniel . . .	\$25.00	Boardman, Thomas . .	\$1.00
Aiken, Mrs. Walter . .	5.00	* Borland, Mrs. M. W. .	5.00
Ames, Miss Mary S. . .	25.00	Bott, Mrs. Frank . . .	5.00
Ames, Mrs. J. B. . . .	20.00	Bowditch, Charles P. . .	25.00
Amory, C. W.	10.00	Bowditch, Dr. Henry P.	2.00
Amory, Mrs. C. W. . .	10.00	Bowditch, W. I. . . .	5.00
Andrews, Miss Mary T. .	15.00	Bradford, Mrs. C. F. . .	5.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah A. .	10.00	Bradley, Mrs. R. S. . .	2.00
Anonymous	10.00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis . .	15.00
Anonymous	10.00	Brewer, E. M.	15.00
Appleton, Mrs. William .	25.00	Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin .	2.00
Arnold, Augustus F. . .	1.00	Bronson, Rev. Dillon . .	37.46
Atkinson, George . . .	10.00	Brooks, Fred.	2.00
Ayer, Dr. and Mrs. James B.	5.00	Brooks, Mrs. Peter C. . .	30.00
Bacon, C. H. C. . . .	5.00	Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd .	125.00
Baker, Harvey H. . . .	2.00	Brooks, Mrs. Wm. A., Jr.	8.86
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth .	5.00	Brown, Mrs. Atherton T.	2.00
Barnard, Miss M. W. . .	10.00	Brown, Miss Rebecca	
Barron, Charles W. . .	5.00	Warren	5.00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie . .	20.00	* Browne, Edward I. . .	10.00
Bartlett, Francis . . .	25.00	Bryant, Mrs. E. B. . . .	25.00
Beal, Mrs. J. H. . . .	5.00	Buck, Mrs. David . . .	5.00
Beal, Thomas P. . . .	5.00	Bullard, Alfred M. . . .	3.00
Beals, Joshua G. . . .	10.00	Bullard, Stephen . . .	5.00
Bigelow, Miss M. A. . .	25.00	Bullard, Theodore . . .	10.00
Birtwell, Miss Mary L.,		Bullard, Mrs. William S.	10.00
Trustee	64.85	Bunker, Alfred	3.00
Black, Mrs. George N. . .	10.00	Burditt, Mrs. Charles A. .	2.00
Blake, Mrs. A. W. . . .	10.00	Burnham, Mrs. J. A. . .	5.00
Blake, Miss Barbara . .	5.00	Burrage, Harry L. . . .	5.00
Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman .	25.00	"C."	10.00

Cabot, Dr. A. T. . . .	\$20.00	Covel, Mrs. A. S. . . .	\$1.00
Cabot, Mrs. Francis . .	10.00	Cowing, * Mr. and Mrs.	
Cabot, Mrs. Henry B. . .	129.09	W. H.	10.00
Cabot, J. Elliot	10.00	Crafts, Mrs. James M. .	50.00
Cabot, John H.	25 00	Crocker, George G. . . .	5.00
Cabot, Mrs. Louis	50.00	Cummings, Mrs. C. A. .	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. Walter C. . .	208.50	Cunningham, Mrs. F., Jr.	10.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry . .	2.00	Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P.	20.00
Campbell, Rev. W. R. . .	2.00	Curtis, Miss Elinor . . .	5.00
Carter, Mrs. W. S. . . .	5.00	Curtis, Mrs. Greeley S. .	20.00
Cary, Mrs. E. M.	150.00	Curtis, Miss I. P.	5.00
Cary, Miss Georgiana S. .	10.00	Curtis, Louis	20.00
Cavanagh, G. Henry . . .	5.00	Cushing, Grafton D. . . .	10.00
Chandler, Mrs. F. W. . . .	15.00	Cushing, Robert M. . . .	25.00
Channing, Miss E. P. . . .	1.00	Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00
Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5.00	Dalton, C. H.	10.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W. .	10.00	Darling, Mrs. Benjamin E.	1.00
Cheever, Miss Helen . . .	5.00	Davenport, Mrs. George H.	17.00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P.	5.00	Davis, Mrs. Simon	5.00
Church, All Souls' Unita-		Dean, Charles A.	5.00
rian, S.S. of	7.31	Denny, Miss M. G.	3.00
Church, Emmanuel	77.50	Dexter, George	25.00
Church, High St., Lowell,		Dexter, Mrs. Morton . . .	5.00
Circle of King's Daugh-		Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F.	7.00
ters	71.69	Drummond, Mrs. James .	10.00
Church, St. Andrew's . . .	12.43	Duncklee, Miss Helen L.	2.00
Church, St. John's M. E.,		Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00
South Boston	3.00	Ellis, Miss Emily B. . . .	52.00
Clapp, Mrs. James H. . . .	1.00	Emerson, School of Miss	
Clark, Chester W.	1.00	Frances V.	10.00
Clark, Mrs. Frederick Sim-		Ernst, Mrs. H. C.	5.00
mons	10.00	Fay, Alice, Ethel, Rosa-	
Clark, Herbert	2.00	mond, Lillie, Richard,	
Clark, Mrs. John T. . . .	15.00	and Arthur	10.00
Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander	10.00	Feegan, Mrs. Fannie Hall	2.00
Codman, Charles R. . . .	10.00	Field, Parker B.	5.00
Collamore, Miss Helen . .	20.00	Fiske, Rev. George S. . .	15.00
Converse, Mrs. C. C. . . .	5.00	Fiske, Mrs. Joseph N. . .	25.00
Coolidge, Miss Matilda G.	5.00	Fitz, Mrs. R. H.	5.00
Coolidge, Julian L. . . .	100.00	Fitz Gerald, Desmond . .	5.00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph	10.00	Flagg, Mrs. Augustus . .	10.00
Cotting, Miss Alice	5.00	Folsom, Miss Amy	25.00

Folsom, Miss Anna A.	\$20.00	Hooper, Mrs. J. R.	\$10.00
"Friend," per Rev. James Eells	75.00	Hooper, Mrs. R. C.	10.00
"Friend," through Miss A. P. Jackson	500.00	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G.	150.00
"Friend," through Miss Grace B. Keyes	318.39	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth H.	112.74
"Friends," per Rev. Rod- erick Stebbins	46.38	Howe, Henry S.	15.00
Frothingham, Edward	10.00	Hubbard, Charles Eustis	5.00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen	5.00	Hubbard, C. W.	50.00
Fry, Mrs. Charles	25.00	Hubbard, James M.	10.00
Gahm, Sebastian	5.00	Hughes, W. H.	2.00
Gaillard, Mrs. L.	15.00	Humphreys, Richard C.	2.00
Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H.	2.00	Hunne- man, Miss Eliza- beth A.	2.00
Glover, Joseph B.	50.00	Hunnewell, F. W.	25.00
Goddard, George A.	25.00	Hunnewell, H. H.	100.00
Goldthwait, Joel E.	5.00	Hunnewell, H. S.	5.00
Gray, Mrs. Asa	110.00	Hunnewell, Miss Jane B.	96.00
Gray, Miss Harriet	100.00	Hunnewell, Walter	25.00
Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00	Hutchins, Miss E.	2.00
Gregerson, Mrs. M. E.	9.00	Hyams, G. W.	100.00
Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00	Jackson, Miss A. P.	38.65
Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5.00	Jackson, Mrs. C. C.	24.93
Greenleaf, Mrs. Lyman B.	50.00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.	20.00
Greenough, C. P.	2.00	Jackson, Edward	50.00
Grew, Edward S.	50.00	Jackson, Mrs. Henry	5.00
Grew, Mrs. Edward S.	32.65	Jackson, Mrs. Henry B.	5.00
Grew, Henry Sturgis	100.00	Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	20.00
Guild, Miss Harriet J.	2.00	Jackson, Miss M. C.	25.00
Hale, Mrs. George S.	20.00	Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	20.00
Ham, Wallace H.	10.00	Jaques, Miss Helen L.	10.00
Hamilton, Miss S. Z.	1.00	Jaynes, C. P.	20.00
Hart, Prof. Albert Bushnell	2.00	Jones, Miss Ellen M.	2.00
Hamner, Mrs. E. C.	25.00	Kehew, Mrs. William B.	28.71
Hartwell, Henry W.	7.00	Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10.00
Haynes, John C.	150.00	King's Chapel, Committee on Charities	100.00
Head, Mrs. Charles	5.00	King's Daughters' Circle, East Milton, through Miss Susan R. Broken- shire	3.00
Hemenway, Mrs. C. L.	10.00	Lamb, H. A.	50.00
Hill, Mrs. William H.	5.00		
Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.	5.00		
* Hooper, Edward W	100.00		

Lamb, H. A., Trustee	\$206.48	Minot, Mrs. Charles S.	\$10.00
Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	105.00	Mixter, Miss M. C.	20.00
Lawrence, Miss Marian	20.00	Morrill, Miss Amelia	5.00
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Lend-a-Hand Club of '74	10.50	Murdock, Miss Maria	10.00
Lincoln, W. H.	5.00	Nichols, Benjamin W.	25.00
Livermore, T. L., Esq.	10.00	Nichols, Miss Mary P.	5.00
Lombard, The Misses	5.00	Nickerson, Andrew	10.00
Lootz, G.	2.00	Nickerson, Howard T.	2.00
Lord, Mrs. William H.	5.00	Paine, The Misses	50.00
Loring, The Misses	65.00	Paine Association, Robert Treat	100.00
Loring, Miss K. P.	20.00	Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.	6.00
Loring, Mrs. William C.	130.00	Palfrey, Miss S. H. and friend	2.00
Lothrop, Mrs. T. K.	25.00	Parker, Miss E. G.	10.00
Lowell, Mrs. E. J.	10.00	Parker, Harrison	5.00
Lowell, Miss Georgiana	25.00	Parkinson, Mrs. John	25.00
Lowell, Mrs. John	10.00	Parkman, Miss E. S.	5.00
Lowell, Miss Lucy	10.00	Parkman, Miss M. R.	9.88
Lyman, Arthur T.	20.00	Parsons, The Misses	10.00
Lyman, Miss B. H.	5.00	Parsons, Miss Georgiana	10.00
Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00	Parsons, Theophilus	50.00
Lyman, Miss Mabel	10.00	Peabody, F. H.	25.00
Lyman, Mrs. Theodore	133.27	Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott	10.00
Magoun, Herbert	2.00	Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50.00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	3.00	Pickering, H. G.	50.00
Mason, Miss Ellen M.	300.00	Pickering, Mrs. Henry	200.00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	1,500.00	Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25.00
*Mason, W. Powell	20.00	Pierce, Rev. Albert T.	30.00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society	75.00	Pierce, Mrs. Anna T.	5.00
Masters Builders' Association	25.00	Pierce, Mrs. N. W.	5.00
Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	10.00	Potter, Mrs. W. B.	10.00
"M. A. W."	16.00	Putnam, Miss E. C., Trustee	20.00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00	Putnam, Mrs. James J.	5.00
Means, Mrs. James	10.29	Read, Miss Sarah E.	25.00
Merriam, Charles	10.00	Reed, Mrs. William Howell	5.00
Mifflin, Mrs. George H.	2.00		

Revere, Mrs. Paul J. . . .	\$2.00	Stone, Miss Katharine H.	\$2.00
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Richardson, Dr. W. L. . .	100.00	Stratton, Solomon P. . . .	5.00
Robinson, Miss L. V.83	Tapley, Miss Alice P. . . .	5.00
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Rodman, S. W.	10.00	Thacher, Mrs. C. A. . . .	10.00
Rogers, Miss A. P.	500.00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R. . . .	10.00
Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	25.00	Thompson, Mrs. A. C. . . .	2.00
Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00	Thorndike, Charles	25.00
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Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett	10.00	Tileston, Mrs. John B. . .	5.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M. . .	15.00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00
Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop . .	100.00	Tucker, F. H.	31.92
Schmidt, Arthur P.	10.00	* Turner, Alfred T.	3.00
Sears, F. B.	5.00	Tuttle, J. H.	10.00
Sears, Mrs. F. R.	10.00	Unity Branch, Woman's	
Sears, Henry F.	50.00	Alliance, Allston	4.34
Sears, Mrs. Herbert M. . . .	25.00	Unity Lend-a-Hand Club	
Sears, Mrs. K. W.	25.00	of Lowell	25.87
Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00	Upham, Miss Susan	50.00
Sever, Miss Emily	10.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin	10.00
Shapleigh, Walter C.	2.00	Visitor Home Library (M.	
Shaw, Francis	10.00	Bowers) . . . . .	.83
Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland . . .	25.00	Visitor Home Library	
Shaw, Henry Russell	10.00	(Nice, Mr. Gail S.) . . .	.87
Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell	5.00	Von Blomberg, Miss Eva	3.00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A. . . .	150.00	Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F. . . .	2.00
Shimmin, Miss Blanche . . .	10.00	Walker, Guy Warren	10.00
Simpkins, Miss M. W.	5.00	Walker, Miss M. S.	25.00
Smith, Miss Alice Wes-		Ward, Miss Caroline E. . . .	5.00
ton	3.00	Ware, Miss Mary L.	40.00
Smith, Miss Paulina C. . . .	5.00	Warren, Samuel D.	150.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00	Weeks, Mrs. Andrew G. . . .	5.00
Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00	Welch, Charles A.	50.00
Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	15.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Stanwood, Frederick	5.00	Weld, Miss Alice B.	25.00
Stearns, Mrs. Charles H.	2.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5.00
Stetson, Amos W.	5.00	Wellington, Sears & Co.,	
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H. . . .	5.00	Messrs.	150.00
Stone, Mrs. Frederick	20.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. G. W.	5.00

Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W.	\$10.00	Williams, Miss L. H. . .	\$50.00
White, Mrs. Joseph H. .	5.00	Williams, Miss Ruth . .	25.00
Whitman, Mrs. Bernard .	2.00	Willing Circle of King's	
Whitney, Mrs. George .	5.00	Daughters, Waltham .	2.30
Whittemore, Miss Maria		Winslow, Walter T. . .	5.00
M.	3.00	Winsor, Miss Amy T. .	1.00
Whitwell, Miss S. L. . .	10.00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger . .	25.00
Whitwell, Miss N. S. . .	5.00	Wood, Henry	2.00
Wigglesworth, George .	100.00	Worcester, Miss Margaret	
Wigglesworth, Thomas .	50.00	C.	5.00
Wilder, Herbert A. . .	50.00	Young, Mrs. B. L. . . .	25.00
Willard, Z. A.	5.00		
Williams, Mrs. and the			
Misses	20.00		

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Boston Sewing Circle (through Miss A. Loring), 37 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, 10 boys' blouses, 8 boys' day shirts, 8 boys' night shirts, 4 pillow-cases.

Count Solone di Campello (through Miss Eva Channing), 1 book, "Pinnocchio's Adventures in Wonderland."

Dixwell, Arthur, 100 tickets for swan boats.

Frim, Miss Paula I., 10 shirt waists.

Friend, 3 infants' shirts, 3 infants' bands, 2 pairs socks.

India Famine Relief Committee (through Rev. R. B. Tobey), 7,500 envelopes.

Jewett, Mrs. F., 80 garments partly worn; also 4 pairs shoes, 1 pair overshoes, 1 pair rubbers, 3 caps, 6 pairs boys' gloves, 7 collars, 2 pairs men's cuffs, 2 boys' shirts, 5 undershirts, 8 pairs boys' stockings, 3 pairs cotton drawers, 3 vests, 3 pairs trousers.

King's Chapel Employment Society (through Miss I. P. Curtis), 75 garments.

Lend-a-Hand Club of 1874 (through Mrs. W. M. Farwell), 2 blankets for infants, 5 flannel night-gowns for infants, 2 cotton slips for infants, 3 flannel skirts for infants.

Mason, Mrs. Edward P., baby's go-cart, 1 doll, box of books and magazines, 4 caps, 1 pair overshoes, 2 boys' shirts, 8 ties, 1 flannel skirt, 2 pairs boys' trousers, 2 girls' dresses, 2 underwaists, 8 collars, 2 coats, 4 pairs stockings, pieces of dress goods.

Perry, Miss Mary M., 2 shirts, 3 caps, 1 pair hose, 5 coats, 6 pairs trousers, 4 vests, 2 linen suits.

Rackeman, Charles S., 3 pairs trousers, coat and vest, suit, 2 shirts, 2 pairs shoes, 1 pair slippers, 3 neckties, 1 pair gaiters, 1 cap.

South Friendly Society, South Congregational Church, through Miss L. A. Cox, 1 apron, 2 night-gowns for infants, 2 cotton pillow-cases, 4 flannel sheets for infants, 53 pairs children's cotton drawers, 27 children's flannel skirts, 11 boys' flannel shirts, 14 dresses for girls.

"The Sowers," 3 gingham dresses, 3 pairs drawers, 1 fancy waist, 1 doll.

Winsor, Mrs. E., 26 articles of clothing.

Westgate, A. L., bundle of *Youth's Companions*.

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OFFICE

43 CHARITY BUILDING, CORNER OF HAWKINS AND CHARDON STREETS,
BOSTON, MASS.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society,
incorporated in 1865, the sum of dollars to be applied
to the uses of said corporation.

*Subscriptions and donations should be made payable to order of Boston
Children's Aid Society, and sent to Charles W. Birtwell, General Secretary,
43 Charity Building, Boston.*

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Honorary Vice-Presidents.

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CENSUS OF CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE SOCIETY OR UNDER ITS OVERSIGHT DURING THE YEAR 1901-1902.

Oct. 1, 1902 :

In care of Society, placed-out in families	237
Under supervision in their own homes	274
Under supervision elsewhere	34
Members of Home Libraries	503

Total number Oct. 1, 1902	1,048
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Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on Oct. 1, 1902.	203
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Besides those enumerated above, the following have received the benefit of the advice and assistance of the Bureau of Information	706
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Total for the year	1,957
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METHODS IN BRIEF.

The Society investigates cases of exposed, destitute, and wayward children ; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit ; studies questions relating to children ; records experience ; promotes needed legislation ; encourages co-operation among child-helping agencies.

The Bureau of Admission, Information, and Counsel, investigates each case submitted to it. Methods of aid are : first, information and advice ; second, reference to other agencies ; third, care or oversight of various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

The Placing-out Agency places children in private families, chiefly in the country, under careful supervision.

The Probation Agency befriends boys under seventeen, arrested and placed on probation in our charge ; also truants and friendless boys.

Home Libraries are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living-room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements, and penny savings, and to foster a wholesome home life.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

The purpose of the Children's Aid Society is to give effect to the desire of the benevolent to relieve the misery of unfortunate children. The Society seeks to secure for such children a fair chance in the world, and to save them from physical and moral wreck.

BUREAU OF ADMISSION, INFORMATION AND COUNSEL.

First of all, without any hampering restrictions as to methods, we seek to discover what wise and radically helpful thing can be devised, promoted or effected, in each instance of need as it arises. Nor are there any limitations as to the kinds of cases that we stand ready to take up. Both boys and girls, infants and youths, the dependent, the wayward, the defective, the neglected, are subjects of the Society's interest.

It is fundamental that in the investigation and study of the history and situation of a child or family, we should not think of a few common methods as necessarily the only ways to meet the difficulties that present themselves, but should endeavor to devise plans as varied as the situations to be relieved, and direct our effort, so far as possible, to the misfortune, blunder or sin that is producing the mischief.

For instance, a woman, shattered in health, with wretchedness written in every feature, asks us to take charge of her boy. We find that the woman is addicted to the morphine habit, and her innocent young child shares the punishment. We might

see here a chance to relieve and rescue the child by simply accepting the care of him. For far less reason many a parent has been obliged to part permanently from her child because of the paucity and inelasticity of the methods of children's charities, the child being thus cut off from its own kindred, and the parent being deprived of the best incentive to a struggle to overcome misfortune or conquer an evil habit. Our point of attack was the mother's habit. Her admission to a special institution, while we boarded the little child in a private family at the expense of the Society, led to a heroic effort by the mother. On her return to us to resume the care of her child, she was not at first recognized, so great had been the change. It may be that we are not at the end of our work on this case, but we have gained ground in the right direction.

Again, a boy, to all appearances dangerously near the line of feeble-mindedness, is found to be badly nourished. He is placed at board in a generous New England family at the expense of the Society, under the personal oversight of one of our visitors, and under the medical supervision of one of our volunteer consulting physicians, for a three months' experiment. The encouraging results justify a continuance of the experiment for another three months, the father, because he has better work, now contributing half of the cost. We are in the middle



of the second three months, at the end of which the boy will doubtless return to the public schools of Boston. He will probably be admitted to one of the special classes for backward children, and we shall continue our oversight of him in his own home. We might have simply made an application for his admission to the School for the Feeble-minded, and, pending or in default of his admission, let things take their course. Instead of his present steady improvement, further deterioration would then have been probable.

Here, for a further instance, is an apparently unmanageable boy. The truant or reform school is the plainly indicated treatment. But a little inquiry reveals a situation like this: a naturally selfish man, a yielding wife, a large family of children, a slender income. With increasing frequency the man has been thrown out of employment. The wife has tried to eke out the income by going out to work. The man has grown less averse to periods of idleness. The industrial burden has shifted slowly more and more to the wife's shoulders. After long days of hard work she comes home tired and unequal to the task of doing the housework and managing the children, particularly this active lad, who through the day has been neglected. It is an unequal struggle on the part of the poor woman to support and guide the home. An unruly lad is the result, and our problem. Our plan, duly explained, and all concerned summoned to assist in it, is to push the load back upon the father, to press it upon him steadily and relentlessly, in order to restore the proper balance, and afford reasonable opportunity to the mother to control and guide her boy without sending him away from home.

During the year cases involving 246 children have been helped by information and advice, followed often by long-con-

tinued personal supervision, without recourse to the direct assistance of our other departments or of any other society. 545 children have been turned over to our other departments, or the help of other charitable agencies has been enlisted.

PLACING-OUT.

OCTOBER 1, 1901, TO OCTOBER 1, 1902.

Different children supported in families within the year . . .	383
Average number of children supported in families throughout the year	253
Children supported in families at beginning of year	251
Children supported in families at close of year	243
Children at board in families	123
In families free of expense to Society except for clothing . .	16
In free homes,—no charge to Society for board or clothing .	58
In families earning wages	40
In hospitals or other institutions, or with relatives, temporarily or on trial	6
Graduates of Placing-out Department who have returned to relatives, but are still under oversight	45

The children, when taken in charge, range in age from the very youngest infants to boys and girls of seventeen years and, rarely, even older. The normal limit of oversight of such as remain in our care is the attainment of their majority, although for good reason the supervision may diminish or cease earlier.

The terms or conditions on which the children are placed include adoption, payment by the



Four sisters boarded together in a private family.

Society of the cost of clothing and also board, at the rate of \$2.50 per week for children under one year, and \$2 per week for older children ; a home without payment on either side ; and wages according to efficiency for the older boys and girls. As a rule, unless relatives pay board, payment ceases between the



Three sisters and a brother at board in a private family.

twelfth and fourteenth year. Schooling continues in all cases to the limit of compulsory school attendance, and for many children much longer. There is practically never a time when some of our boys and girls are not making their way through academies, colleges or professional schools. In some instances most generous help to that end has been given by the families in which the children have been placed, or by people in their neighborhood whose respect the boys and girls have won.

From fifty to sixty children are usually in the charge of each

of the five salaried "visitors," one man and four women, whose whole time is given to this department. Every child needs not merely an agent to find a family in which he may live, and to inspect his treatment from time to time, but an interested, devoted, personal friend. Even such a visitor cannot himself be everything to the child, but must try to enlist in this service the family the child is placed with, the neighborhood, the school, the church, the varied interests and influences that every child needs. Yet the visitor is the key to it all, the one permanently responsible protector and guide. The reliance of the children upon the visitors, and genuine affection for them, the appeals for letters and visits, and the recognition of their authority and wisdom are constantly in evidence, and sometimes by no means lacking in pathos.

In spite of the more extended adoption of the placing-out plan by both public and private charitable agencies in New England, good homes are found without increased difficulty. Not only the happiness of the children and the wholesome influence and discipline brought to bear upon them from day to day in hospitable New England homes, but also the results as seen in those who have grown to manhood and womanhood, confirm our faith in this method. Many of the graduates of this department now have homes of their own. They are to be found in a great variety of honest occupations. Impossible as it is in some cases to keep the children from serious wrong-doing or to avoid commitment to the reform schools, experience has given us great respect for the influence of the daily life of stanch New England families in checking evil tendencies, in restoring lost moral sensibility, in stimulating wholesome ambition, and in developing affection and a sense of duty.

In fact, the long view of the work is full of encouragement.

Here are a few illustrations of the better but by no means uncommon results : —

A boy placed ten years ago, at the age of ten years, in a farmer's family. Self-supporting from the beginning. Worked his way through the high school, taught successfully one term of a district school, recently earned his board in a doctor's family by doing chores night and morning, and worked during the day in a slate quarry. Entered a New England college this fall. Has received a scholarship that will cover his tuition, and has \$250 in the bank.

A girl placed in a family eleven years ago. Was graduated from a normal school, taught two years in a public school, now married happily. Has applied for a girl, to be treated as a member of the family, and to assist in the housework at good wages.

A girl placed thirteen years ago, hampered by lameness, of marked neurotic temperament, at times almost insane. After becoming self-supporting, she was again and again boarded for brief periods. Through constant, sympathetic oversight she has gradually gained in self-control, and for two years has been entirely self-supporting, earning full wages at housework.

An East Boston truant, ten years old, over whom a widowed mother had no control. An elder brother had served sentences in the Truant School. Being a Catholic boy, he was placed in a fine Catholic family on a Massachusetts farm. He is still, ten years later, in this same home, where at first he was boarded, later kept free of charge, and now is paid good wages.

Two Danish brothers came to us thirteen years ago. They were placed in free homes,—*i.e.*, without expense to the Society for board or clothing, and at the same time without wages,—one on a farm in Massachusetts, the other with a blacksmith in Maine. The farm-boy came to Boston after six years in the country, and is employed by an electrical company at excellent wages. The other boy has remained in the same home, has practically succeeded to his foster-father's business, and is the blacksmith of the town.

Of the total cost of board and clothing of children placed in families, \$15,856, more than half, \$8,028, has been paid by relatives. The fact that during the past year we have actually

collected more than eight-ninths of the total amount charged to relatives is an indication that it is possible by sufficiently careful study of each case to calculate with some accuracy what amount relatives of the children can pay. An extremely



A home where for four years a girl now sixteen years old has lived as a member of the family and attended public school.

careful system of collecting is followed, and rarely ever legal compulsion resorted to; but in a large measure these payments are made cheerfully, although they mean great industry and the severest self-denial. When the occasion requires, we collect with vigor; yet we are constantly on the alert to remit charges when a faithful parent is ill or for other serious reason unable to pay.

The policy of collecting from relatives what they can afford to contribute toward the maintenance of children placed-out has

been productive, not only of great saving to our funds, but also of distinct moral gain to the people themselves. The financial and moral advantages of our plan of charging relatives may be illustrated by the following instances:—

A young unmarried mother, a domestic, has clung to her boy, paying the full board, \$2 per week, for over twelve years. She is proud of her boy, and he has grown up under our oversight almost to the point of self-support.

A family of five children, three of whom we took from an almshouse, whose parents and grandparents had been inmates of the same



A home where a youth of eighteen lives as a member of the family and receives wages.

institution. The two elder boys take pride in paying the entire board of the youngest child, a boy; and the two sisters support themselves.

Four orphans, three brothers and a sister. The three boys were placed at board. The girl, who was the eldest, went to a free home.

This sister, now earning wages in another family, is helping to pay for the support of one of her younger brothers.

A woman who some years ago took at board from us a boy, who had been deserted by his parents, finally adopted him. Later, when her husband died, she had to go to work, and the boy had to be placed at board; but she offered to pay what she could toward his support. We pay one-quarter, and she pays regularly and most cheerfully three-quarters of the expense.

A widower with two boys. We persuaded his employer to increase his not over-large wages, so that he could pay for the support of his two children in our care.

Even after a child had returned home, we persistently collected from a father able to bear the expense a debt to us of \$60 in weekly instalments of \$1.

A good but inefficient mother, held up to her obligations during the past four years, is no longer unsteady at her work, as she was when we first knew her. She looks to us for advice, pays faithfully toward the support of her two girls in our care, takes pride in their progress, and is a help instead of a hindrance in our management of them,—only one instance among many of success in stimulating the pride and affection of parents.

PROBATION.

The personal, friendly oversight of boys convicted of offences and placed on probation by the courts, or brought to us by relatives or officers before arrest, has included during the year 375 boys, of whom 64 were new to us within the year. Boys under oversight range in age from eight to twenty years, the average being fifteen. The offences include: stubborn and disobedient child, larceny, breaking and entering, embezzling, forgery, receiving stolen property, illegal appropriation of a team, throwing missiles in the street, setting a fire in the street, obstructing foot passengers, being present where gaming implements are found on the Lord's Day, loitering in a railroad station, loitering on the sidewalk, jumping on a street railway car, doing

business on the Lord's Day, selling papers without a license, selling articles without a license, failing to have on a badge, shining shoes after 11 A.M. on the Lord's Day, taking part in a game of ball in the street, begging on the streets, vagrancy, assault and battery, indecent assault, profane swearing and cursing, selling obscene pictures, being idle and disorderly.

The personality of these lads is often complex. The essential weakness of character, the subtle temptation or influence, has to be sought out; and ingenuity and personal influence are taxed to the utmost to make the probation the beginning of a new career for the boy. It is generally found that the actual or threatened arrest is not due to a mere accident of discovery. Neither the truant officers nor the police arrest carelessly. Nobody likes to put that disgrace upon a lad or his family. Something in the boy's situation or his temperament has gradually borne its legitimate fruit, when a lad is arrested in this community. It may or may not be the boy's fault, as fault is usually reckoned. It is our business to seek out the cause, and to enlist family, friends, teacher, employer, clergyman, above all the boy himself, to eradicate that cause; to train the boy to guide himself past and through temptation; to attract and stimulate him to wiser and better ways. To start the boy's own thinking, to provoke into activity whatever wisdom and sense of honor the youth is capable of, is our central purpose. We must bring to bear the important auxiliaries of enlightened sympathy and patience and interest on the part of his own family and friends, and try to fill up his life with wholesome interests and incidents, as, for example, through membership in a Home Library or a boys' club. But always the test of progress is the grip the little fellow gets on himself.

Of the total 375 boys under supervision within the year, 133

were school-boys, 205 working boys. At the end of the year we have 302 under oversight, of whom 187 came from the courts and 115 in other ways. 36 may be said to be doing poorly, 139 fairly well, and 127 well.

HOME LIBRARIES.

The Home Libraries are familiar to the friends of the Society. Each of the fifty-three little libraries brings a variety of incident and influence to a group of about ten boys and girls from a given neighborhood definitely enrolled in its membership. Once a week the group meets with its volunteer visitor, or the general visitor from the office, and the child-librarian, one of their own number, in whose home the library has been placed. Twenty books at a time are furnished, and, when read, are replaced by a fresh set. The corps of volunteer visitors has included within the year seventy-two men and women.



The activities in this department have included, as usual, the monthly conferences of the volunteer visitors, the sale of flowers in the spring to the members of the libraries, and the festival in the autumn for the children who could bring live plants purchased at those sales, the penny savings, the loan of photographs to the different groups, summer car-rides and swan-boat rides, outings in the country and at the seashore, and special work in behalf of individual members who were in need. We are greatly indebted to ladies and gentlemen connected with the First Congregational Church of Wakefield for a fine outing for eighty children in August.

Miss Jessie F. Beale has resigned as general visitor after fourteen years of efficient and enthusiastic service. The libra-

ries are now in their sixteenth year. Since their organization here, Home Libraries have been established in various cities. Baltimore has thirty, Chicago thirty, and Philadelphia four, under the management of charitable agencies; New York twenty-five, Cincinnati fifteen, Helena two, and Pittsburg thirty-one, under the auspices of public libraries. The American Library Association devoted the larger part of one of the sessions of its section on library work for children during the meeting at Magnolia, June 16-20, to the consideration of Home Libraries.

The conviction has been growing that the time has come for an extension of the library work. Two paid visitors instead of one, a larger force of volunteers, and a corresponding increase in the number of libraries ought now to be attempted. The little libraries open up the homes and very hearts and lives of poor children to every good influence. Could there be a better field for preventive effort? Have we fully occupied it? May not the snug little home library be utilized to a larger extent to save children among the poor from that paucity of wholesome entertainment and inspiration which is the fatal feature of their poverty, as the opposite is the most valuable possession of the well-to-do? We want money for another salary, and a thousand dollars to cover the initial cost of forty more libraries at twenty-five dollars each. The increase of the libraries should not even halt temporarily until they reach the total of a hundred.

The visitors render monthly reports varying from the briefest statements to quite full accounts of the doings of the month. The two following reports, the first from a lady, the second from a gentleman, need no comment:—

A very bright group of Italian and Irish children in Franklin Court, leading from Norfolk Avenue, Roxbury. They look forward

to the "Library afternoon." All take out books each week, and enjoy them very much.

A friend gave me some beautiful mounted Perry pictures, and we formed in connection with the library a circulating art class. Each child takes home a picture to hang in her home for two weeks, and, when she brings it back, must know the name, artist's name, what gallery it is in, etc. There are pictures from the French, German, Italian, and English schools; and the children have been wonderfully bright about recognizing certain schools and classifying them.

We held a little sale at Christmas time in Mrs. Coffee's grocery store, and took in two dollars and a half, all in pennies and five-cent pieces. The children worked for it during the fall. Sent the proceeds to a little lame child, care of Sunshine Society, New York City.

The children have quite pretty manners, and are very glad to know "*how to be polite*." The parents take a great interest in the library through the children.

Ten of the older girls (eldest fourteen years) gave a "Tea" in January in the coal cellar of the *president's* apartment house, and I was asked to pour. The hours were from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Quite a debate ensued, because they could not agree, one-half thinking it bad form for me to come and be asked to work (pour the tea), while the other half said "it was an honor." We had a large toilet pitcher full of black *strong, strong* tea, raw cocoanut cut in triangles, bananas half black, some mixed candy, and a baker's pie. After our report, each one had to sing a song or speak a piece, and all responded gracefully.

The compartment where we had the "Tea" was scrubbed very clean, and decorated with cards and broken cups and saucers, plates, calendars, etc. A cabinet was nailed to the wall, made of a soap-box with a shelf, and filled with stones of curious shapes, broken vases, a large bunch of jeweller's violet cotton wool, etc.

We now are hoping for a plot of ground to have a co-operative garden.

The boys of my library group range in age from fifteen to nineteen years. Five of them have attended this winter's meetings quite regularly. All of the latter are boys who belonged to the group when I first commenced to visit them in the fall of 1900. Three of these

are still in school, but are employed out of school hours in wholesale or retail fruit stores. . . .

The boys have read very few of the books sent us last fall. I have carried them copies of *Harper's Weekly*, *Life*, the illustrated supplements of the *Commercial Advertiser* of New York, the *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Youth's' Companion*, and other illustrated periodicals. They read the newspapers intelligently, and take a live interest in the local political situations. E. G. told me last week that he had invested seven dollars in a book with a title somewhat like "The Household Physician." He had made the purchase from a book agent. I told him, when he had made up his mind as to what books he wanted, he had better go to a reliable book-dealer, and that it was always best to ask counsel of some one older than himself before making any investment. He seemed to feel that he had got his money's worth in this instance. The same boy . . . told me that he had bought copies of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and one or two other worthy books.

During the winter I have had friends go with me to meet the boys on several occasions. An artist friend, who draws some pictures for *Life*, went with me one evening, and afterward the boys were much interested in his drawings, as they appeared from time to time. Father Powell, of the Episcopal Brotherhood of St. John, was another visitor. He told the boys stories of his travels in South Africa and in Canada, and they liked him very much. With fellows as old as these are, I think this is an excellent plan to pursue. Mrs. Charles G. Ames has promised to go down some night and read them one or two Italian stories in the original. These meetings with bright people, I have found, stimulate the boys greatly. We have played very few games at our meetings. I have been glad to see that they were willing to talk of the theatres, of books, and countless other things that come into our daily lives. At one meeting some boy proposed playing a game, but his suggestion was promptly set aside by the majority in favor of "just talking." They are certainly growing into fine men, simple, natural, of clean habits (I know of none of them who even smoke). . . . I feel that I have a personal interest in every one of the boys. They have really meant a great deal to me, for I have felt continually how little I had to give them. I *value* their friendship, and desire it accordingly.

Miss Bowles and Miss Beale attended the theatricals given by the boys. . . .

At Christmas we had a treat, and the boys gave me a little remembrance. The latter was a small mirror, made at the glass factory where E. G. works.

Our meetings will be discontinued after the first of June, as last year. The boys are busy, and it is too hot in-doors after that time. I asked them to come to see me at any time during the summer, and this year I intend to go down to the North End occasionally and look them up. Last summer two of the boys came to see me repeatedly.

FINANCES.

We record with gratitude two additions to the invested funds : a gift of five hundred dollars from Miss Anna Q. T. Parsons, in pursuance of the wish of her deceased sister, Miss Helen M. Parsons ; and a legacy of five thousand dollars from the late Mrs. William R. (Maria G.) Wilson.

It has been a daily anxiety so to conduct the work as to avoid a deficit at the close of the year in current receipts as against current expenditures. The Society cannot be strong in its work unless it can avoid trenching upon its principal, which is still small in comparison with the operations of the Society. The pressure of real need compels an appeal for increased resources. Relatives and friends of children in our care have been pressed for the last possible dollar toward the support of their children. Every legitimate economy has been practised. But we have not failed, when challenged by the necessity of a friendless and helpless child, to risk the expense involved in whatever course was necessary. We must look for a harder rather than an easier year just ahead. The past few months the collections from relatives have reflected the increased cost of living and other unfavorable conditions. We urge those who have so

generously supported the work to continue faithful to it. We hope that a recognition of the growth of the community and the work of the Society will lead some of our contributors to increase their gifts. The new year, moreover, must witness accessions to the ranks of our contributors if the Society is to be in a position to meet adequately even the most serious needs.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL,

General Secretary.

LEGACIES AND SPECIAL GIFTS.

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| <p>1868. Charles G. Loring.
 1870. Abigail Loring.
 1870. Nabby Joy.
 1870. Robert Waterson.
 1873. Miss C. L. Dennison (gift).
 1875. Shaw Trust for Girls.
 1875. Shaw Trust for Boys.
 1875. Seth Adams.
 1877. Augustus Hemenway.
 1877. George Bemis.
 1878. T. D. Quincy.
 1878. Benjamin Sewall.
 1879. Miss C. L. Dennison (gift).
 1889. Sidney Bartlett.
 1889. Elisha T. Loring.
 1890. Elizabeth S. Norton.
 1892. Susan Sturgis Parkman (gift
 of Mrs. Henry P. Sturgis).
 1893. E. L. Billings.
 1893. Mrs. Mary Hemenway (gift).
 1893. Miss Emily H. Bourne (gift).
 1893. Miss Mary Anne Wales.
 1894. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge (gift).</p> | <p>1895. Arthur Rotch.
 1896. Moses Kimball.
 1896. Albert Glover.
 1896. B. P. Cheney.
 1896. Martin Brimmer.
 1896. Thomas T. Wyman.
 1896. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge.
 1897. John W. and Belinda L.
 Randall, per Trustees.
 1898. Henry L. Pierce.
 1898. J. Putnam Bradlee.
 1899. Mrs. Walter Scott Fitz (gift).
 1900. Daniel S. Ford.
 1901. Henry Saltonstall.
 1901. Frances M. Mackay, per
 Henry B. and Amelia R.
 Goodwin, executors.
 1901. Miss Helen M. Parsons, es-
 tate of, per Miss Anna Q.
 T. Parsons.
 1902. Mrs. William R. (Maria G.)
 Wilson.
 1902. Edward I. Browne.</p> |
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REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Oct. 1, 1901,

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1901, including uninvested capital \$5,637.22

Current Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$7,437.09
Received from Ashton Trust	1,650.00
Annuity from estate of Robert B. Brigham	1,000.00
Annual subscriptions	3,361.00
Donations	7,177.97
Special donations	1,833.10

\$22,459.16

Rent of Pine Farm (\$480) and sale of article and witness fee (\$1.60)	481.60
Received from parents, relatives, and guardians	\$8,043.20
Received from Overseers of the Poor of Cities and Towns	1,215.61
Received from Military Aid	240.00
Received from Charitable Societies	438.10

9,936.91

Total current receipts \$32,877.67

Sold Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. rts. @ 15 \$1,788.00

Sold 5 Suffolk R. E. rts. @ 8 38.75

1,826.75

Estate of Helen M. Parsons 500.00

Legacy of Maria G. Wilson 5,000.00

Legacy of Edward I. Browne, 71% of \$10,000 7,100.00

\$52,941.64

Total current receipts, exclusive of legacies 32,877.67

Total current expenses 32,769.58

Balance \$108.09

TREASURER.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

to Oct. 1, 1902.

Current Expenses.

Salaries of general secretary, assistant secretary, general assistant, stenographer, book-keeper, two agents in Bureau of Information, five visitors in Placing-out Agency, Home Libraries assistant, probation agent, office boy	\$13,355.71
Board and clothing of children in charge of Placing-out Agency	15,806.16
Travel	1,190.21
Stationery, postage, and printing	565.96
Express, telegraph, and telephone	192.92
Light, heat, and care of office	389.45
Supplies and equipment of office	240.32
Sundries, including miscellaneous expenses for special children	117.74
Christmas	79.95
Home Libraries	193.00
Annual Report	154.56
Pine Farm taxes	453.60
Public Accountant for auditing	30.00
Total current expenses	\$32,769.58
Bought 50 Mass. Elec. Pfd. @ 96	\$4,806.25
" 50 Mass. Elec. Pfd. @ 97 $\frac{3}{8}$ and	
25 Boston & Maine @ 197-197 $\frac{1}{2}$	9,814.25
	14,620.50
Balance Oct. 1, 1902 : —	
Treasurer, including uninvested capital	\$5,094.11
General Secretary	457.45
	5,551.56
	\$52,941.64

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1902, and find that the securities are on hand, as called for by the investments, that the income from same has been accounted for, that vouchers are on hand for all disbursements, that the footings of the cash books are correct, and that the balance of cash on hand at close of year has been properly identified.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT, *Public Accountant.*

BOSTON, Nov. 26, 1902.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

[For donations in kind, see page 34.]

Names marked with an asterisk (*) are of persons who have died.

Abbott, Henry and Mary, Concord, Mass.	\$1.10	Blake, Mrs. Francis, "In memory of C. T. Hub- bard"	\$25.00
Ahl, Mrs. Daniel	25.00	Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman	5.00
Aiken, Mrs. Walter	5.00	Borland, M. W.	10.00
Ames, Mrs. J. B.	20.00	Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00
Ames, Miss Mary S.	25.00	Bowditch, Dr. Henry P.	2.00
Amory, C. W.	10.00	Bowditch, W. I.	5.00
Andrews, Miss Mary T.	15.00	Bradford, Mrs. C. F.	5.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G.	10.00	Bradley, Philip, Lincoln, Mass. . . . .	.35
Appleton, Mrs. William	25.00	Bradley, Mrs. R. S.	2.00
Arnold, Augustus F.	1.00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	15.00
Atkinson, George	10.00	Brewer, E. M.	15.00
Ayer, Dr. and Mrs. James B.	5.00	Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin	2.00
Bacon, C. H. C.	5.00	Brooks, Fred	2.00
Baker, Harvey H.	2.00	Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd	25.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth	5.00	Brown, Mrs. Atherton T.	2.00
Balch, Miss Anna B.	5.00	Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	25.00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	10.00	Buck, Mrs. David	5.00
Barron, Charles W.	5.00	Bullard, Alfred M.	3.00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie	20.00	Bullard, Stephen	5.00
Bartlett, Francis	25.00	Bullard, Theodore	10.00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	5.00	Bullard, Mrs. William S.	10.00
Beal, Thomas P.	5.00	Bunker, Alfred	3.00
Beals, Joshua G.	10.00	Burdett, E. W.	10.00
Bigelow, Miss M. A.	25.00	Burditt, Mrs. Charles A.	2.00
Birtwell, Miss Mary L., Trustee	28.50	Burnham, Mrs. J. A.	5.00
* Black, Mrs. George N.	10.00	Burr, I. Tucker, Jr.	50.00
Blake, Mrs. A. W.	20.00	"C."	10.00

Cabot, Dr. A. T.	\$20.00	Converse, Mrs. C. C. . . .	\$5.00
Cabot, Mrs. Francis	10.00	Converse, Louise, West-	
Cabot, Mrs. Henry B. . . .	248.98	wood, Mass	2.85
Cabot, J. Elliot	10.00	Cooledge, Miss Matilda G.,	5.00
Cabot, John H.	25.00	Coolidge, Julian L.	100.00
Cabot, Mrs. Walter C. . . .	200.00	Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph,	10.00
Cain, Mrs. Leslie	5.00	Cotting, Miss Alice	5.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry . . .	2.00	Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1.00
Campbell, Rev. W. R. . . .	2.00	Cowing, Mrs. W. H.	10.00
Cary, Mrs. E. M.	200.00	Crafts, Mrs. James M. . . .	50.00
Cary, Miss Georgiana S. . .	10.00	Crocker, George G.	5.00
Case, Mrs. James B.	10.00	Cross, Miss Mary E.	5.00
Cavanagh, George H.	5.00	Cummings, Mrs. C. A. . . .	10.00
Chandler, Mrs. F. W.	15.00	Cunningham, Mrs. F.	10.00
Channing, Miss E. P.	1.00	Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P.,	20.00
Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5.00	Curtis, Mrs. Greely S. . . .	20.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W. . .	10.00	Curtis, Miss I. P.	5.00
Cheever, Miss Helen	5.00	Curtis, Louis	10.00
Cheney, Mrs. B. P., Sr. . . .	5.00	Cushing, Grafton D.	10.00
Church, All Souls' Unitari-		Cushing, Robert M.	25.00
an, S.S. of	10.00	Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00
Church of Disciples, S.S.		Dalton, C. H.	10.00
Class	1.00	Davenport, Mrs. George H.,	54.43
Church, First Parish, Wa-		Davis, Mrs. Simon	5.00
tertown, S.S. of	5.00	Denny, Miss M. G.	3.00
Church, High St., Lowell,		Dexter, George	50.00
Circle of King's Daugh-		Dexter, Mrs. Morton	5.00
ters	1.35	Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F.,	7.00
Church, St. Andrew's	52.57	Drummond, Mrs. James . .	10.00
Church, Swampscott Con-		Duncklee, Miss Helen L. . .	2.00
gregational, S.S. of	6.72	Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00
Clapp, Miss G. Lillian . . .	69.39	Eldredge, Ellen and Ida,	
Clapp, James H.	1.00	Lincoln, Mass. . . . .	.16
Clark, Chester W.	1.00	Eldredge, Margaret and	
Clark, Mrs. Frederic Sim-		Anna, Lincoln, Mass. . . .	.26
mons	10.00	Ellis, Miss Emily B.	53.00
Clark, Herbert	2.00	Episcopal City Mission . .	9.00
Clark, Mrs. John T.	15.00	Ernst, Mrs. H. C.	5.00
Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander,	10.00	Fay, Lillie, Alice, Ethel,	
Codman, Charles R.	10.00	Rosamond, Richard, and	
Collamore, Miss Helen . .	170.00	Arthur	10.00
Converse, Augusta, West-		Fegan, Mrs. Fannie Hall . .	2.00
wood, Mass.	2.38	Fiske, Mrs. Joseph N. . . .	25.00

Fitz, Mrs. R. H.	\$5.00	Haynes, John C.	\$100.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott . . .	150.00	Head, Mrs. Charles . . .	5.00
Fitz Gerald, Desmond . .	5.00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P. . .	10.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus . . .	10.00	Higginson, Henry Lee, Jr.,	3.52
Folsom, Miss Amy	25.00	Hills, Mrs. Edwin A. . . .	5.00
"Friend"	439.98	Hooper, Miss Ellen S. . . .	50.00
"Friend," through Miss A.		Hooper, Mrs. J. R.	10.00
P. Jackson	200.00	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G.	150.00
"Friend," through Miss A.		Houghton, Miss Elizabeth H.	68.00
P. Jackson	12.00	Howe, Henry S.	15.00
"Friend," through Miss		Hubbard, Charles Eustis . .	5.00
Grace B. Keyes	306.82	Hubbard, Charles W. . . .	50.00
"Friend" per R. W. Sawyer, Jr.	2.00	Hubbard, James M.	10.00
"Friend" per Miss Elizabeth R. Storrow	100.00	Hughes, W. H.	2.00
Frothingham, Edward . . .	10.00	Humphreys, Richard C. . .	2.00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen .	5.00	Hunneinan, Miss Elizabeth	
Fry, Mrs. Charles	25.00	A.	2.00
Gaillard, Mrs. L.	15.00	Hunnewell, F. W.	25.00
Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. .	2.00	Hunnewell, Miss Jane B. .	104.00
Garland, James A., South		Hunnewell, Walter	25.00
Lincoln, Mass.	1.11	Hutchins, Miss E.	2.00
Garland, Tudor, South Lincoln, Mass.	1.06	Hyams, Godfrey M.	100.00
Gilchrist, Miss Olive B. . .	1.00	Jackson, Miss A. P.	108.93
*Glover, Joseph B.	50.00	Jackson, Mrs. C. C.	46.00
Goddard, George A.	25.00	Jackson, Prof. C. L.	20.00
Goldthwait, Joel E.	5.00	Jackson, Edward	50.00
Goss, Miss V. M.	5.00	Jackson, Mrs. Henry	5.00
Gray, Mrs. Asa	10.00	Jackson, Mrs. Henry B. . .	5.00
Gray, Miss Harriet	100.00	Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S. . . .	20.00
Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00	Jackson, Miss M. C.	25.00
Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00	Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	20.00
Greene, Mrs. J. S. C. . . .	5.00	Jaques, Miss Helen L. . . .	10.00
Greenleaf, Mrs. Lyman B.,	50.00	Jaynes, C. P.	35.00
Greenough, C. P.	2.00	Jones, Miss Ellen M. . . .	2.00
Grew, Edward S.	25.00	Kehew, Mrs. William B. . .	5.00
Grew, Mrs. Edward S. . . .	19.50	Kidder, Mrs. Henry P. . . .	10.00
Grew, Henry S.	50.00	King's Chapel, Committee	
Guild, Miss Harriet J. . . .	2.00	on Charities	100.00
Hale, Mrs. George S. . . .	25.00	King's Daughters' Circle,	
Hartwell, Henry W.	7.00	East Milton, through Miss	
		Susan R. Brokenshire . .	3.00
		Lamb, H. A.	55.00
		Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100.00

Lawrence, Mrs. Lydia J.	\$7.02	Morse, Miss F. R.	\$25.00
Lawrence, Miss Marian	20.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Lawrence, Rt. Rev. William	25.00	Morton, Mrs. Marcus	10.00
Lee, George C.	25.00	Moseley, Miss E. F.	10.00
Lee, Mrs. Henry	50.00	Murdock, Miss Maria	10.00
Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph	500.00	Nichols, Benjamin W.	25.00
Livermore, T. L., Esq.	10.00	Nichols, Miss Mary P.	5.00
Lombard, The Misses	5.00	Nickerson, Andrew	10.00
Lootz, G.	2.00	Nickerson, Howard T.	2.00
Loring, The Misses	65.00	Paine, The Misses	50.00
Loring, Miss K. P.	20.00	Paine Association, Robert Treat	100.00
Loring, Mrs. William C.	130.00	Paine, Robert Treat	5.00
Lothrop, Mrs. T. K.	25.00	Paine, Robert Treat, 2d	50.00
Lowell, Mrs. E. J.	10.00	Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.,	6.00
Lowell, Mrs. Francis C.	25.89	Palfrey, Miss S. H. and Friend	4.00
Lowell, Miss Georgina	25.00	Parker, Miss E. G.	10.00
Lowell, Mrs. John	10.00	Parker, Harrison	5.00
Lowell, Miss Lucy	10.00	Parkinson, Mrs. John	25.00
Lyman, Mrs. Arthur T.	20.00	Parkman, Miss E. W. S.	5.00
Lyman, Miss B. H.	5.00	Parsons, Miss Anna Q. T.,	5.00
Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00	Parsons, Miss Georgiana	10.00
Lyman, Miss Mabel	10.00	Parsons, Theophilus	5.00
Lyman, Mrs. Theodore	121.08	Peabody, F. H.	25.00
"M."	5.00	Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott,	10.00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	3.00	Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50.00
Mason, Miss Ellen F.	300.00	Pickering, Henry G.	100.00
Mason, Miss Fanny P.	300.00	Pickering, Mrs. Henry	200.00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	1,500.00	Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25.00
Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society	75.00	Pierce, Rev. Albert T.	66.02
Master Builders' Association	25.00	Pierce, Miss Katharine	25.00
Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	60.00	Pierce, Miss K. C.	5.00
"M. A. W."	10.00	Potter, Mrs. W. B.	10.00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00	Pratt, Laban	5.00
Merriam, Charles	10.00	Putnam, Miss E. C., Trustee,	20.00
Mifflin, Mrs. George H.	5.00	Putnam, Mrs. James J.	5.00
Minot, Mrs. Charles S.	10.00	Read, Miss Sarah E.	25.00
Mixter, Miss M. C.	16.00	Reed, Mrs. William Howell,	5.00
Morrill, Miss Amelia	5.00	Revere, Mrs. Paul J.	2.00
Morrill, Miss F. E.	5.00	Richards, Mrs. John	25.00
		Richardson, Mrs. E. C.	2.00

Richardson, Dr. W. L.	\$100.00	Stone, Miss Katharine H.	\$2.00
Robbins, Reginald C.	25.00	Storer, Miss Abby M.	5.00
*Robbins, Royal E.	10.00	Stratton, Charles E.	5.00
Robinson, Miss L. V.	4.78	Stratton, Solomon P.	5.00
Rodman, S. W.	10.00	Tapley, Miss Alice P.	5.00
Rogers, Miss A. P.	555.00	Tapley, Amos P.	5.00
Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	25.00	Thacher, Mrs. C. A.	10.00
Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	10.00
Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20.00	Thompson, Mrs. A. C.	2.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett	10.00	Thompson, Charles H.	13.80
Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M.	15.00	Thorndike, Charles	25.00
Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00	Thorp, Mrs. J. G.	10.00
Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop	100.00	Tileston, Mrs. John B.	5.00
Schmidt, Arthur P.	10.00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00
Sears, Mrs. F. R.	10.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Sears, Henry F.	50.00	Tucker, F. H.	36.89
Sears, Horace S.	50.00	Tuttle, J. H.	10.00
Sears, Mrs. Herbert M.	25.00	Unity Branch, Woman's	
Sears, Mrs. K. W.	25.00	Alliance, Allston	8.23
Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00	Unity Club of Unitarian	
Sever, Miss Emily	10.00	Church, Cohasset	44.07
Sharp, Miss Helen	5.00	Unity Lend-a-Hand Club	
Shattuck, Dr. F. C.	100.00	of Lowell	13.65
Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	100.00	Upham, Miss Susan	50.00
Shaw, Francis	10.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin	10.00
Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland	25.00	Von Blomberg, Miss Eva	3.00
Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell,	5.00	Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F.	2.00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100.00	Walker, Miss M. S.	25.00
Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10.00	Ward, Miss Caroline E.	5.00
Simpkins, Miss M. W.	5.00	Ware, Miss Mary L.	40.00
Small, Miss A. M.	52.00	Warren, Samuel D.	150.00
Smith, Miss Paulina Cony	5.00	Weeks, Mrs. Andrew G.	10.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00	Welch, Charles A.	50.00
Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	15.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5.00
Stanwood, Frederic	5.00	Weld, Miss Hannah M.	5.00
Stearns, Mrs. Charles H.	2.00	Wentworth, Miss F. G.	58.55
Stebbins, Rev. Roderick	10.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. G. W.,	
Steinam, A.	15.00	Sr.	5.00
Stetson, Amos W.	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W.	10.00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	10.00	White, Mrs. Joseph H.	5.00
Stone, Mrs. Frederic	10.00	Whitney, Mrs. George	3.00

Whitwell, Miss S. L. . .	\$10.00	Willing Circle of King's	
Whitwell, Miss N. S. . .	5.00	Daughters, Waltham . .	\$17.21
Wigglesworth, George . .	100.00	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger . .	20.00
Wigglesworth, Thomas . .	50.00	Wood, Miss Ida	50.00
Willard, Z. A.	5.00	Worcester, Miss Margaret	
Williams, Miss L. H. . .	50.00	C.	5.00
Williams, Miss Ruth . .	25.00	Young, Mrs. B. L. . . .	25.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Beatley, Mrs. James A., overcoat, 2 suits of underflannels.

Bethany Circle, Bethany Congregational Church, Quincy, Mass., making of garments from material furnished.

Birtwell, Mrs. Charles W., 2 infant's slips, 2 flannel shirts, 3 shirt waists, 9 neckties, belt, woollen waist, woollen skirt.

Boston Sewing Society, through Miss A. P. Loring, 10 girl's dresses, 6 aprons, 4 baby dresses, 10 night-gowns.

Browne, Miss Katharine M., 20 children's books for Home Libraries.

Channing, Miss Eva, through, 28 books.

Cohasset Ladies' Charitable Society, Unitarian church, 6 gingham aprons.

Dixwell, Arthur, 200 tickets for swan-boats.

Eells, Rev. James, Sunday-school Class of, books, toys and games.

Fisher, Miss Annie E., 28 books on kindness to animals (15 "Friends and Helpers," 13 "Songs of Happy Life").

Furness, Miss, 4 pairs boots, pair overshoes, suit men's clothing, pair trousers, 6 shirts, 6 collars, 3 pairs cuffs, 3 shirt waists, 3 neckties, 3 under-vests, dress, 2 woollen skirts.

Hall, The Misses Mary and Rachel, 3 dresses, dress skirt, 3 shirt waists.

Hamlen, Miss Elizabeth, overcoat, pair trousers, 2 neckties, 3 shirts, vest.

Hancock Home Missionary Union, Congregational church, Lexington, Mass., making of garments from material furnished.

Harvard Social Service Committee, overcoat.

Hopkins, Mrs. R. W., 27 books for Home Libraries.

Horne, Miss Grace, 3 gingham dresses, 3 gingham underskirts, 3 aprons. hat.

Jewett, Mrs. Freeland, rubber coat, jacket, blanket, wrapper, 5 pairs boots, pair slippers, 7 skirts, 2 caps, hat, 2 shirts, 9 pairs hose, pair gloves, 8 pairs underdrawers, 2 underwaists, shirt, 3 waists, 5 night-gowns, 2 coats, 2 pairs trousers, 25 miscellaneous articles.

King's Chapel, 25 undergarments, 20 cotton underwaists, 5 gingham aprons, 5 gingham dresses, 5 outing flannel dresses, 5 outing flannel under-skirts, 5 infant's flannel skirts, 5 boy's blouses.

Lend-a-Hand Club of 1874, through Mrs. W. M. Farwell, set infant's garments, 2 flannel skirts, 3 slips, 2 bands, 6 towels.

Morison, Mrs. Robert, 8 undergarments.

Needlework Guild, Boston Branch. 2 pairs boots, jacket, 7 dresses, 2 boy's blouses, 3 hoods, 4 pairs drawers, 4 waists, 4 underskirts, 13 pairs hose, 3 pairs mittens, 5 pairs underdrawers, 5 undervests, 2 undersuits, 5 night-gowns, 2 suits, 3 sweaters, 3 pajamas, 2 pairs gloves, 5 boy's undershirts.

Porter, Mrs. Alexander A., 2 underwaists, 2 pairs underdrawers, shirt waist, 4 hats, stockings.

Sargent, Mrs. Charlotte, dress skirt, dress waist, coat.

Sears, Richard, 2 men's suits, coat and vest, pair boots.

Sewing Circle, Congregational church, Ayer, Mass., making of garments from material furnished.

"Sewing Circle of 1900," through Miss Elizabeth S. Porter, 30 flannel skirts, 30 drawers, 54 towels.

"South Friendly Society," South Congregational Church, 6 night-gowns, 7 boy's shirts, 12 pairs drawers, 12 slips, 9 dresses, 20 skirts, 8 aprons; also making of garments from material furnished.

Tucker, F. H., 3 suits, golf suit, 2 vests, rain-coat, shirt, 8 ties, ribbons.

Unity Branch, Women's Alliance, Unity Church, Allston, making of garments from material furnished.

Vandevoort, Miss Florence, muslin suit, 2 piqué skirts, underskirt, 2 shirt waists, 3 hats, ribbon.

Wild, Miss R. D., 18 books.

Worcester, Frederick A., overcoat.

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OFFICE

43 CHARITY BUILDING, CORNER OF HAWKINS AND CHARDON STREETS,
BOSTON, MASS.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of _____ dollars to be applied to the uses of said corporation.

Subscriptions and donations should be made payable to order of Boston Children's Aid Society, and sent to Charles W. Birtwell, General Secretary, 43 Charity Building, Boston.

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Honorary Vice-Presidents.

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REV. WILLIAM J. TUCKER, D.D.

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CHARLES W. HUBBARD, 133 Essex Street.

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CENSUS OF CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE SOCIETY OR UNDER ITS OVERSIGHT DURING THE YEAR 1902-1903.

Oct. 1, 1903 :

In care of Society, placed-out in families	249
Under supervision in their own homes	306
Under supervision elsewhere	38
Members of Home Libraries	475

Total number Oct. 1, 1903	1,068
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Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on Oct. 1, 1903	205
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Besides those enumerated above, the following have received the benefit of the advice and assistance of the Bureau of Information	700
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Total for the year	1,973
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METHODS IN BRIEF.

The Society investigates cases of exposed, destitute, and wayward children ; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit ; studies questions relating to children ; records experience ; promotes needed legislation ; encourages co-operation among child-helping agencies.

The Bureau of Admission, Information, and Counsel, investigates each case submitted to it. Methods of aid are : first, information and advice ; second, reference to other agencies ; third, care or oversight of various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

The Placing-out Agency places children in private families, chiefly in the country, under careful supervision.

The Probation Agency befriends boys under seventeen, arrested and placed on probation in our charge ; also, truants and friendless boys.

Home Libraries are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living-room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements, and penny savings, and to foster a wholesome home life.



Four sisters, from four to twelve years of age, boarded together in a family. Their mother is dead. Their father pays for their board, the Society for their clothing.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

The work of the Society is, first of all, the actual, direct, personal service of individual children in need. The test of its value is the character of that service. There is no part of it in which insight into human nature and love of one's kind are not demanded. Portions of the work are suggested by the reports that follow, but its human quality is not easily shown.

Methods are adopted to secure promptness and thoroughness, to deal with everything at first hand, to make experience

instructive, and to develop understanding and capacity in each worker.

Children of every type come to us, from the most to the least promising : even the latter, by patient work, may be saved, not by any means from suffering nor wholly from sin, but from hopeless wreck and wretchedness. Of 939 children who came to the attention of the Bureau of Information during the year, some form of juvenile delinquency brought 176, or 19 per cent. ; feeble-mindedness, 18, or 2 per cent. ; dependence, 745, or 79 per cent. Of the 745 last referred to, omitting 15 not easily classified, 32 came through dependence or need due to the illness of the child, 73 to the illness of parents, 178 to the death of parents, 23 to lack of work of parents, 22 to the low wages of parents, 182 to domestic infelicity, 47 to neglect by parents, 65 to the intemperance of parents, 108 to the immorality of parents.

From the visitors in our Placing-out Department Mr. Arthur E. Wakeman has been appointed general secretary of the Brooklyn Children's Aid Society, and since the beginning of the new year Miss Helen A. Woods has become the general secretary of the Worcester Children's Friend Society. These and similar contributions, in former years, of experienced and valued workers to other societies have necessitated the adoption of the policy of appointing agents-in-training, two of whom are already serving in this department, with a view to increasing the resources of our own and other societies in times of need.

The standard of personal service has been maintained in the Probation Department, the oversight of the probation agent extending to 143 school-boys and 199 working-boys.

In the Home Libraries a second paid visitor has been engaged in order to increase the Home Libraries among working boys and girls who must hold their library meetings in the evening. The purpose is to do more for working boys and girls, to whom the change at an early age from school to shop or factory means so great an increase of strain and temptation. The winter finds this promising plan developed to the extent of 19 evening libraries, the total number of active libraries being 51, the number of volunteer visitors 31.



Important and successful action was taken during the last session of the legislature to prevent the amendment and weakening of the law prohibiting the detention of children under twelve years of age in police stations.

The question arises as to whether parents who have sunk so low as to forfeit their children under the Neglect Law ought to be simply relieved of the support of those children. Ought not some additional penalty to attach to what is surely a grave offence against their own offspring and society? It is conceivable that the deterrent effect of the law upon weak and tempted parents might thus be increased, and a higher standard of parental responsibility established. Various agencies should be interested in this question.

Considerable progress has been made in collecting at the office of the Society a most useful library of the literature of charity and correction, reports of public and private agencies, proceedings of various bodies, periodicals, monographs, compilations of laws, etc.

The cost of the work for the past year has exceeded the cost for the preceding year by \$5,479.80. The income for current

expenses increased \$4,354.99. A balance of \$108.09 for the earlier year gave place, therefore, to a deficit for the past year of \$1,016.72. The chief item of increase was \$3,557.64 for the support of children placed in families. The total cost of board, clothing, and sundries for children supported in families was \$19,363.08.

The invested funds have received two additions: the balance of the legacy of \$10,000 from the late Edward I. Browne,—namely, \$2,900; and a legacy of \$5,000 from the late Joseph B. Glover, long a contributor to the work of the Society.

It is evident that the work demanded of the Society requires more money. We appeal not only for the continued help of every present subscriber, but also for a more wide-spread support from the community.

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL,

General Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROBATION AGENCY.

The first day of October, 1903, finds Mr. Lawrence with 301 boys as against 302 at the same date last year; and we find another resemblance in the small proportion of boys reported as doing poorly, 36 last year, 37 this, while 147 are doing well, and 117 fairly well.

The total number in charge during the year was 365; and, when the varying ages, dispositions, and circumstances of these boys are considered, it will be seen that a great variety of treatment and an open mind are necessary to success rather than hard and fast methods. The ages vary from eight to twenty. The circumstances may be thus roughly classified: out of 365 boys, 143 were school-boys, 199 were working-boys, many of them idle at times, 3 were confirmed loafers, and 20 were in reformatory institutions; 179 of the 301 on October 1 came through the courts, while 122 were taken on "voluntary probation," which means that their dangerous or idle tendencies needed oversight. They are chiefly Polish Jews with a few Russian and German Jews, and Americans, which includes colored boys. It is in the third varying factor, the dispositions of these boys, that Mr. Lawrence shows his strength. By patient study of every detail he is able to judge which of his numerous resources will best apply to each case, and, if one fails, to try another, until he succeeds in turning the boy's thoughts into other channels, or, better still, in making him wish to try to amend his ways.

School-teachers, church connections, boys' clubs, medical advice, are among these resources ; but personal work with the boy and his parents is the corner-stone of all. When a boy is brought to our notice, the parents are generally desperate enough to fall in with any plan ; but ignorance, lack of perseverance, or even too much zeal, are common obstacles in the carrying out of these plans, and the agent has often to train and follow up the parents as well as the boys. When their united efforts meet with success, the gratitude of the parents is often touching ; and Mr. Lawrence sometimes finds himself installed as chief counsellor in all the family affairs. In this, as in all other personal work, the quality and experience of the worker is the beginning, end, and measure of its success.

Besides the care of these 365 boys last year, Mr. Lawrence gave about one-third of his time to work in the Bureau of Information, and filled several gaps in the Placing-out Agency while it was short-handed this summer.

The following account of a typical day's work, from before nine in the morning till half-past nine at night, is given as nearly as possible in Mr. Lawrence's own words. He has one afternoon off a week in exchange for evening work, which regularly includes two evenings weekly :—

Began the day by meeting a probation boy who was out of work at the office of the Boston *Globe*, and went with him to answer three advertisements for male help. He was taken on trial at the third place. Then went to the four police stations in the central part of the city. Found one boy under arrest at police station 2 in Court Square for taking money from a bootblack's shop. He had got in through a back window in the night. Went to see his last employer, who spoke well of him. Another boy had been brought into station 4 on Lagrange Street for being "disorderly" ; in other words, loitering on the streets at midnight. His father had been notified, and

had taken him home. This boy was looked up the next day, the investigation reported to Mr. Birtwell, and it was decided to place him on "voluntary probation."

Went to the Children's Aid office, and looked over my mail. Found two reports from teachers, on blanks provided by the Children's Aid Society, concerning two probation boys. One was a good report, the other bad. Sent for the boy having the bad report to come and talk with me the following Saturday morning. A probation boy out of work called to ask help in finding something to do. Took him down to the Industrial Aid Society, gave him a list of places to go to, and told him to report daily until he got work. Next the mother of one of my boys called to request me to come and give him "a talking to." He is getting lazy and saucy, and goes with bad company. As he lies abed late, I arranged to call next morning for a bedside interview.

It was now time to go to court, where the boy, already mentioned as arrested at the police station in Court Square, was placed on probation in my care; that is, I was accepted as his surety for eight weeks. Had a talk with him and his father, and, as he has lost his work, told him to try to find something himself, and report to me next day.

After lunch returned to the office, and found a new case of a bad boy waiting for me. A mother "who couldn't do anything with her boy" had been sent here by her minister. Had a long talk with the mother, in which she told me a great deal about her family affairs, which will be useful in dealing with the boy later. Arranged that she should keep him at home after supper to-night, and I would see him, as this was one of my evenings in town. Then took a boy to see a doctor. This boy had the cigarette habit badly, and could not break himself of it.

After that met a boy who is working, and took him to supper at a restaurant, and then to the evening school, where he registered as a pupil. Called on the new boy and his mother, also saw the minister, who promises to co-operate with us if we put the boy on "voluntary probation." Arranged to meet the boy later to start him hunting for work. On the way to my train stopped to talk with a group of boys out for a walk. I couldn't call them by name, and found they were not my boys, but ones that knew me by name. One

said: "Well, you ought to know me. You were in the court-room when I was sent 'down duck.'" The second said he had seen me at the Parental School, while the third had only sold me papers.

This total of thirteen boys in twelve and a half hours gives some idea of the number and variety of Mr. Lawrence's acquaintances and occupations.



A home where an orphan girl has spent two years as a member of the family, and attended the high school.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACING OUT AGENCY.

On Oct. 1, 1903, this department had in charge 263 children and 43 graduates; that is, 20 children more and 10 fewer graduates than on Oct. 1, 1902. 164 children have been received during the year, 144 have been discharged, and 7 have died. Two of these deaths were among our grown-up girls, 1 was a young boy with a weak heart, and 4 were delicate babies.

Of the 144 discharged children, 10 were transferred to other agencies, 1 to the School for the Feeble-minded, 2 girls to Lancaster, 2 boys to the Lyman School, 11 boys and girls who still needed a certain amount of oversight were placed on our graduate list, and 2 girls who have been with us several years are well married. Some of the remaining children were discharged because their parents had failed to pay board and needed a warning against shirking their responsibilities, some on account of changed family conditions, and a great many were temporary cases, — children who come to us for summer vacations, to recover strength after illness or overwork, or during some temporary emergency at home, such as change of work, sickness, or arrest on the part of a parent. As specimens of these temporary cases, a little girl, who had been much overworked with the care of a sick mother and younger children, gained nine pounds in two weeks, her board being paid by a benevolent neighbor; 4 Italian children were boarded for nine

months, while their mother learned tailoring to support them better in future; and a mother who came here as a stranger was supplied with a boarding-home for a feeble-minded boy of twelve and his seven-year-old brother, till she could make a home for herself and the younger boy, and get the older one admitted to the School for the Feeble-minded.

The 263 children in charge on Oct. 1, 1903, are placed as follows: 37 in homes where wages are paid, 72 in homes where they receive board and clothing and sometimes schooling in return for their work, 139 are boarded, and 15 are otherwise placed. For the board of these 139 children the Society was paying \$299.23 per week on Oct 1, 1903, and toward this amount parents and relatives were charged \$203.02 per week. Collecting money from parents and relatives is pushed with vigor and mercy, according to circumstances; and only about 20 per cent. of what is charged is lost. They paid a total of \$9,843.75 this year for board, clothing, and supervision.

This department has suffered through the illness of Miss Durham, who has not been able to do any steady work since March, and in the loss of Mr. Wakeman, who left us in August. The work has been well divided among the remaining agents, and Mr. Lawrence and others in the office have been called on at times for help.

On October 1 Miss Prescott had 47 children, Miss Durham 54, Miss Woods 56, and Mrs. Damon 56, while 58 boys and 30 graduates were awaiting the appointment of a successor to Mr. Wakeman.

We have had pleasant instances of co-operation with other societies this year. When two sisters and a brother were brought to us, the Female Asylum consented to take charge of the girls, while we took the boy, keeping them in the same

family. The Massachusetts Infant Asylum, and the Charity for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants, are always in close touch with us. We boarded a girl recovering from typhoid fever for the North End Union. The Avon Home has placed 5 children at board with us. The Church Home, on account of changes at the Stanwood School, asked us to place some of their boys, arranging to pay all expenses, including fifty cents a week for the supervision of each boy. Frequent reports on these boys are made to a committee of the Church Home.

The following cases show the bright side of placing-out. A colored girl, who came to us over thirteen years ago, has just been discharged at the age of twenty-one, with \$185 in the bank. She has entered by her own arrangement the Training School for Nurses at Hampton. This girl came from poor and exposed surroundings. She was boarded in a colored family until old enough to be self-supporting, and has since earned good wages.

A family of four orphans came to us about five years ago. The oldest, a girl of fifteen, had tried to keep house for her three younger brothers; but the boys were growing unruly, and it was more than she could manage. She was womanly and a good worker, and was placed in a family where she earned \$1 a week. The boys, one ten years old and twins of eight, were boarded together. The older boy was transferred to a free home with schooling at twelve years old, and has made himself useful and valued in spite of a slight curvature of the spine, some deafness, and an impediment in his speech. Soon after the girl was discharged to an aunt, who found work for her at first in a factory, and then at housework, which enabled her to pay \$1 a week towards the board of one of the twins. She is now earning \$4 a week; and the twins are in free homes close

together, and within seven miles of their brother, so they can visit each other; and all three boys have small savings in the bank. Thus in five years this family has grown to be orderly and self-supporting; but it took much time and work from their visitor to get the older boy into fairly good physical condition, to keep him from feeling homesick and discouraged, to train the twins, who were inclined to mischief and running away, and to push them all into free homes as early as possible.

Five years ago the Overseers of the Poor and benevolent people of a neighboring town asked us to take charge of a very small girl of fourteen, promising to pay for her board and clothing. She was living with a sister who worked out, and was running wild in the streets. At first we had to transfer her from one boarding-home to another because her roving and dishonest habits gave so much trouble; but after a time she quieted down, the dishonesty disappeared, and she grew much interested in her studies, spending two years in the high school after graduating from the grammar school. (See illustration on page 16.) She is now earning eighteen dollars a month with board and lodging, answering the telephone, running errands, etc., in a hospital, is very happy and is giving satisfaction,—a neat, quick, intelligent girl.

Four little girls (see illustration on page 8) were brought to our office by their father two years ago, with a request that we should place them at once. Their mother was dead, and he had been struggling with incompetent housekeepers till he was desperate. Some needed clothing was hastily collected, and they were safe in a boarding-home before night. They are now with a wise and motherly woman, going to school, learning to do little things about the house, and have grown fat and rosy. The father has paid their board faithfully in spite of accidents.

One of Miss Prescott's former boys came to see her this year. He has charge of the electric plant at a large hotel in the White Mountains, with four men working under him, and earns \$14 a week. And this is only one instance of the boys and girls in good positions who come to seek the sympathy and interest of their former visitors in their success.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

The number of new applications and of children involved is a little larger than last year, 772 children against 754. Of these about one-quarter were under three years of age. The whole number of children, including the renewed applications and those pending at the beginning of the year, is 939. 529 have been dealt with by our own Society, for 321 other agencies have been recommended or applied to. 159 have come into the care of the Placing-out Department, 63 into that of the Probation Agency, and 13 are under the oversight of the Bureau of Information,—an increase of only one over the number brought into the care of these departments last year; and only one more child has been referred to other agencies.

These agencies are almost the same in number as last year. We note, for the first time, reference to the Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, and to the Stetson Home.

Early in the year the committee entered upon a systematic plan of hearing and taking notes of the details of every case. These notes were kept up for six months, and classified into groups, so that at the end of that time they could be reviewed. In this way we feel that we have gained a better knowledge of the work and a clearer understanding of the reasons for decisions in the various cases. It was clear that no case was slighted, but each carefully considered, and that the decisions were based on no hard-and-fast rules, but upon the individual needs

of each applicant. The principal groups are of the children received into the care of the Society, those cases where advice and help were given in the office, the small number of applications withdrawn, those cases placed on our Bureau of Record for future inquiry, and the cases referred to other agencies. To the Charity for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants we continue to refer many cases fitted for its care, greatly aided in doing so, since its agents can be reached every day.

Our Society has lately been asked for information sufficient for identification concerning all the infants brought to its attention within the year, several associations having responded to a similar request. The age limit of three years having been agreed on, Mr. Birtwell sent the information requested on 198 children, each case being entered on a separate library catalogue card. This inquiry came from a member of a committee appointed by the Infant-helping Section of the Conference of Child-helping Societies to study the possibility of following refused and discharged cases through some system of uniform records which would prevent overlapping, and of such co-operation as would insure the reference by the various societies of rejected cases to a responsible agency, and maintain a sense of responsibility for reasonable subsequent oversight of those passing out of immediate care.

The larger Conference of Child-helping Societies has also, through a committee, been studying some plan of uniform statistics among kindred societies. From such work comes the hope of some approximate answer to the question asked last November in our own Board, as to what proportion of the total number of the children of the city are helped by all the child-helping agencies.

We have been deeply interested in the control that has been

gained over a girl who was living under the worst influences. She was reported to us by a clergyman as the adopted child of a woman of very bad character, living in a neighboring town, who had forced her into the position of complainant in a criminal suit which was afterwards dismissed. The woman's house was known to be a menace to the neighborhood, and was under the observation of the police; but it was difficult to get evidence which should lead to her arrest or to make the acquaintance of the girl who had undoubtedly been led into immoral conduct. Many plans were considered, but before the girl could be reached the house was vacated, and woman and girl disappeared. Some weeks later the clergyman reported that he had heard that the girl was at service in Boston, having voluntarily separated herself from the woman, who proved to have no papers of adoption. She had secured her place through a good employment office, and was satisfactory to her employer. This lady's interest in the case was at once secured, and she found the girl desirous of cutting off all connection with the woman who had had so bad an influence on her life. One of our agents visited her, and, without asking any confession of wrong-doing, won her confidence so far as to be very soon nominated by her as legal guardian. She remained in the same service for some months, with no complaint of bad habits or low tastes. She has now been placed out of town, is doing well, and is on most friendly terms with her guardian, for whom her case is classed as one of "oversight." This girl began her career of improvement herself; but we have given her a friend to uphold her in it, and to help her in any emergency which may arise. The woman who was her evil genius has given up all attempt to recover her control.

A young woman was brought to us by a worker in one of the

churches to ask our help for a younger sister, a girl of fourteen, who was drifting into waywardness. The father, an uncle, and two sisters had committed suicide, one of the sisters having had two illegitimate children. The mother seemed unable to control this younger girl, who had thrown up a place as a bundle-girl in one of the large stores, and was much on the street, lingering on the way home from evening school. Our agent made the girl's acquaintance with some difficulty, and helped her to go back to school, as she wished. The weak mother tried to co-operate, and the girl became more steady. After a time she again went to work, gained a better place, and the family moved to a better neighborhood. She comes to see her friend, our agent, and writes to her constantly. In this case a friend intervened at the right time to encourage and uphold the girl's better impulses. We are glad to be appealed to for this kind of influence over girls and boys who need such friendly oversight.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

OCTOBER, 1902, TO OCTOBER, 1903.

	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Child'n.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Sex Unknown.</i>
Pending Oct. 1, 1902	42	52	40	12	
New cases	580	772	465	288	19
Old cases renewed	111	167	102	64	1
Totals	733	991	607	364	20

These cases were dealt with as follows :—

	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Child n.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Sex Unknown.</i>
A. Withdrawn	57	76	49	23	4
B. Dealt with by Children's Aid Society	403	529	346	175	8
C. Other Agencies recommended or applied to	230	321	171	143	7
D. Pending Oct. 1, 1903	50	65	41	23	1
Totals	740	991	607	364	20

Cases under B were dealt with as follows : —

						Sex
		Cases.	Child'n.	Boys.	Girls.	Unknown.
1. Advised	a. Advised only	201	283	175	100	8
	b. Involving use of other agencies	6	7	5	2	
2.	To oversight of Bureau of Information	12	13	6	7	
3.	Probation Agency	63	63	63		
4.	Home Libraries	3	4	4		
5.	Placing-out Agency	118	159	93	66	
Totals		403	529	346	175	8

Cases under C were dealt with in the following manner : —

						Sex
		Cases.	Child'n.	Boys.	Girls.	Unknown.
1.	Other agencies recommended	8	11	6	5	
2.	Other agencies applied to, namely :					
	Associated Charities, Boston	24	58	32	26	
	“ “ Cambridge	1	3	1	2	
	“ “ Malden	4	6	4	2	
	“ “ Somerville	1	2	2		
	Massachusetts Infant Asylum	72	77	35	42	
	Charity for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Infants	33	33	18	12	3
	Trustees for Children	6	15	8	7	
	Children's Mission	10	23	13	10	
	Children's Friend Society	4	8	7	1	
	Boston Female Asylum	8	9	0	9	
	Children's Island Sanitarium	2	2	2		
	St. Vincent de Paul Society	5	6	3	3	
	Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children	12	18	7	7	4
	Overseers of the Poor	5	12	7	5	
	Pauper Institutions Department of City,	1	1	1		
	Department of State Minor Wards	2	5	3	2	
	State Industrial School	3	3	0	3	
	Industrial Aid Society	2	2	2		
	Legal Aid Society	2	2	1	1	
	Massachusetts School for Feeble-minded	2	2	2		
	Lyman School	4	4	4		
	Provident Association	1	1	1		
	Lawrence City Mission	1	1	0	1	
	Worcester Children's Friend Society	1	1	1		
Amount carried forward		214	305	160	138	7

		<i>Sex</i>			
	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Child'n.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Unknown.</i>
<i>Amount brought forward</i>	214	305	160	138	7
Hospital Cottages	1	1	0	1	
Vincent Memorial Hospital	1	1	0	1	
Stetson Home	1	1	1		
Harvard House	1	1	1		
West End Nursery and Infants' Hos- pital	1	1	1		
South End Day Nursery	1	1	1		
Parental School	1	1	1		
The Refuge	1	1	0	1	
Lincoln Camp	3	3	3		
Probation Officer, Roxbury	1	1	1		
Minister-at large, Lowell	1	1	1		
Association for Relief and Control of Tuberculosis	1	1	0	1	
Talitha Cumi Home	1	1	0	1	
United States Navy	1	1	1		
Totals	230	321	171	143	7

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Oct. 1, 1902,

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1902, including uninvested capital \$5,551.56

Current Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$8,095.80	
Received from Ashton Trust	1,650.00	
Annuity from estate of Robert B. Brigham	1,000.00	
Annual subscriptions	3,681.00	
Donations	8,035.10	
Special donations	2,111.47	
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		\$24,573.37
Received from parents, relatives, and guardians,	\$9,843.75	
Received from Overseers of the Poor of Cities and Towns	829.52	
Received from Military Aid	240.00	
Received from Charitable Societies	1,280.62	
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		12,193.89
Rent of Pine Farm, witness fees, sales of sun- dry articles	465.40	
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Total current receipts		\$37,232.66
Received, Nelson Mortgage and interest	\$2,507.63	
Sold West End St. Ry. rts50	
Sold Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. rts.	714.00	
Sold 50 Union Pacific Pfd. at 84	4,193.75	
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		\$7,415.88
Estate of Joseph B. Glover	5,000.00	
Balance, legacy of Edward I. Browne, 29% of \$10,000	2,900.00	
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		\$58,100.10
 Total current receipts		 \$37,232.66
Total current expenses		38,249.38
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Deficit		\$1,016.72

TREASURER.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

to Oct. 1, 1903.

Current Expenses.

Board, clothing, and sundries of children in charge of		
Placing-out Agency	\$19,363.80	
Travel	1,254.94	
Stationery, postage, and printing	675.53	
Express, telegraph, and telephone	307.23	
Light, heat, and care of office	480.72	
Supplies and equipment of office	245.73	
Sundries, including miscellaneous expenses for special children	730.48	
Christmas	49.77	
Home Libraries, new books, re-binding, miscellaneous	581.35	
Annual Report	200.52	
Pine Farm taxes and insurance	442.80	
Public Accountant for auditing	40.00	
Salaries of general secretary, assistant secretary, agents in Bureau of Information, visitors in Placing-out Agency, Home Libraries assistants, probation agent, general assistant, stenographer, book-keeper, office boy	13,876.51	
Total current expenses		\$38,249.38
Bought 25 Boston & Maine at 192 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$4,818.75	
“ 50 Trimountain Trust at 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ and interest	5,138.53	
“ 5,000 Union Pacific, conv. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds at 94	4,706.25	
		14,663.53
Balance, Oct. 1, 1903:—		
Treasurer, including uninvested capital	\$4,840.46	
General Secretary	346.73	
		5,187.19
		\$58,100.10

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1903, and find that the securities are on hand, as called for by the investments, that the income from same has been accounted for, that vouchers are on hand for all disbursements, that the footings of the cash books are correct, and that the balance of cash on hand at close of year has been properly identified.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT, *Public Accountant.*

BOSTON, Jan. 7, 1904.

LEGACIES AND SPECIAL GIFTS.

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| <p>1868. Charles G. Loring.
 1870. Abigail Loring.
 1870. Nabby Joy.
 1870. Robert Waterston.
 1873. Miss C. L. Dennison (gift).
 1875. Shaw Trust for Girls.
 1875. Shaw Trust for Boys.
 1875. Seth Adams.
 1877. Augustus Hemenway.
 1877. George Bemis.
 1878. T. D. Quincy.
 1878. Benjamin Sewall.
 1879. Miss C. L. Dennison (gift).
 1889. Sidney Bartlett.
 1889. Elisha T. Loring.
 1890. Elizabeth S. Norton.
 1892. Susan Sturgis Parkman (gift
 of Mrs. Henry P. Sturgis).
 1893. E. L. Billings.
 1893. Mrs. Mary Hemenway (gift).
 1893. Miss Emily H. Bourne (gift).
 1893. Miss Mary Anne Wales.
 1894. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge (gift).
 1895. Arthur Rotch.</p> | <p>1896. Moses Kimball.
 1896. Albert Glover.
 1896. B. P. Cheney.
 1896. Martin Brimmer.
 1896. Thomas T. Wyman.
 1896. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge.
 1897. John W. and Belinda L.
 Randall, per trustees.
 1898. Henry L. Pierce.
 1898. J. Putnam Bradlee.
 1899. Mrs. Walter Scott Fitz (gift).
 1900. Daniel S. Ford.
 1901. Henry Saltonstall.
 1901. Frances M. Mackay, per
 Henry B. and Amelia R.
 Goodwin, executors.
 1901. Miss Helen M. Parsons, es-
 tate of, per Miss Anna Q.
 T. Parsons.
 1902. Mrs. William R. (Maria G.)
 Wilson.
 1902. Edward I. Browne.
 1903. Joseph B. Glover.</p> |
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Ahl, Mrs. Daniel . . .	\$25.00	Bowditch, Dr. Henry P. . .	\$2.00
Aiken, Mrs. Walter . . .	5.00	Bowditch, W. I. . . .	5.00
Ames, Mrs. J. B. . . .	20.00	Bradford, Mrs. C. F. . .	5.00
Ames, Miss Mary S. . .	25.00	Bradley, Mrs. R. B. . . .	3.00
Andrews, Miss Mary T. .	15.00	Bradley, Mrs. R. S. . . .	2.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G. .	10.00	Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D. .	15.00
Anonymous	25.00	Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin .	2.00
Anonymous	5.00	Brooks, Fred	2.00
Anonymous	2.00	Brown, Mrs. Atherton T. .	2.00
Anonymous . . . . .	.10	Bryant, Mrs. E. B. . . .	25.00
Anonymous	5.00	Buck, Mrs. David	5.00
Appleton, Mrs. William .	25.00	Bullard, Alfred M. . . .	3.00
Associated Charities of Bos-		Bullard, Stephen	5.00
ton, District VIII. . . .	3.00	Bullard, Theodore	10.00
Atkinson, George	10.00	Bullard, Mrs. William S. .	10.00
Ayer, Dr. and Mrs. James B.	5.00	Bunker, Alfred	3.00
Bacon, C. H. C.	5.00	Burditt, Mrs. Charles A. .	2.00
Baker, Harvey H.	2.00	Burnham, Mrs. J. A. . . .	5.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth . .	5.00	Burr, I. Tucker, Jr. . . .	50.00
Barnard, Miss M. W. . . .	10.00	Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20.00
Barron, Charles W.	5.00	Cabot, Mrs. Francis	10.00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie . . .	20.00	Cabot, Mrs. Henry B. . . .	303.04
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	5.00	Cabot, J. Elliot	10.00
Beal, Thomas P.	5.00	Cabot, John H.	25.00
Berkeley Temple	12.00	Cabot, Mrs. Walter C. . . .	200.00
Bigelow, Miss M. A. . . .	25.00	Callender, Mrs. Henry . . .	2.00
Birtwell, Miss Mary L.,		Campbell, Rev. W. R. . . .	2.00
trustee	43.50	Cary, Mrs. E. M.	300.00
Blake, Mrs. A. W.	20.00	Cary, Miss G. S.	10.00
Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman . .	20.00	Case, Mrs. James B. . . .	10.00
Borland, M. W.	10.00	Cavanagh, George H. . . .	5.00
Boston Provident Associa-		Chamberlin, Miss Louise	
tion	20.00	M.	20.90
Bowditch, Charles P. . . .	25.00	Chandler, Mrs. F. W. . . .	15.00

Channing, Miss E. P. . . .	\$1.00	Davis, Mrs. Simon	\$5.00
Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5.00	Denny, Miss M. G.	3.00
Cheever, Mrs. David W. . .	10.00	Dexter, George	50.00
Cheever, Miss Helen	6.00	Dexter, Mrs. Morton . . .	5.00
Church, All Souls' Unitarian, S.S. of	10.00	Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. .	7.00
Church of Disciples S.S. Class	3.00	Dorchester Woman's Club Auxiliary	104.00
Church, First Parish, Watertown, Lend-a-Hand Club of	6.00	Drummond, Mrs. James' . .	10.00
Church, St. Andrew's	8.00	Dunklee, Miss Helen L. . .	2.00
Church, West Concord Union, Concord, Primary Department	2.00	Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00
Clapp, James H.	1.00	Ellis, Miss Emily B.	53.00
Clark, Mrs. Frederic S. . . .	10.00	Emerson, Miss Frances V. .	10.00
Clark, Herbert	2.00	Episcopal City Mission . .	9.00
Clark, Mrs. John T.	10.00	Ernst, Mrs. H. C.	5.00
Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander . .	10.00	Fay, Lillie, Alice, Ethel, Rosamond, Richard, and Arthur	10.00
Codman, Charles R.	10.00	Fay, Miss Sarah B.	303.77
Collamore, Miss Helen	150.00	Fay, Miss Sarah M.	10.00
Converse, Mrs. C. C.	5.00	Fegan, Mrs. Fannie Hall . .	2.00
Coolidge, Miss Matilda G. . .	5.00	Fiske, Mrs. Joseph N. . . .	25.00
Coolidge, Julian L.	100.00	Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott	150.00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph . .	10.00	Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00
Corey, D. P.	31.54	Folsom, Miss Amy	25.00
Cotting, Miss Alice	3.00	"Friend," through Miss A. P. Jackson	10.00
Covel, Mrs. A. S.	1.00	"Friend," through Miss Grace B. Keyes	442.26
Cowing, Mrs. W. H.	10.00	"Friend," through Miss Elizabeth R. Storrow . .	100.00
Crafts, Mrs. James M.	50.00	"Friend"	10.00
Crocker, George G.	5.00	"Friend"	1.00
Cummings, Mrs. C. A.	10.00	"Friend" . . . . .	.50
Cunningham, Mrs. F.	10.00	Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. . .	2.00
Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. . .	20.00	Goddard, George A.	25.00
Curtis, Miss I. P.	5.00	Goldthwait, Dr. Joel E. . . .	5.00
Curtis, Louis	10.00	Gray, Mrs. Asa	31.60
Cushing, Grafton D.	10.00	Gray, Miss Harriet	75.00
Cushing, Robert M.	25.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00
Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00	Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00
Dalton, C. H.	10.00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5.00
Davenport, Mrs. George H. . .	43.00	Greenough, C. P.	2.00

Grew, Mrs. Edward S. . . .	\$13.00	Kilham, Miss Annie M. . .	\$5.00
Grew, Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. .	500.00	King's Chapel, Committee	
Guild, Miss Harriet J. . . .	2.00	on Charities	50.00
Hale, Mrs. George S.	20.00	King's Daughters' Circle,	
Hamilton, Miss S. Z.	55.29	East Milton, through	
Harwood, Mrs. F. E.	14.33	Miss Susan R. Broken-	
Hartwell, Henry W.	10.00	shire	3.00
Haynes, John C.	100.00	Lamb, H. A.	50.00
Head, Mrs. Charles	5.00	Lamb, H. A., trustee . . .	175.00
Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10.00	Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100.00
Hills, Mrs. Edwin A.	5.00	Lawrence, Mrs. Lydia J. . .	7.02
Hooper, The Misses	50.00	Lawrence, Miss Marian . . .	20.00
Hooper, Mrs. J. R.	10.00	Lawrence, Rt. Rev. William	25.00
Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G. .	150.00	Lee, George C.	25.00
Houghton, Miss Elizabeth H. .	17.72	Lee, Mrs. Henry	50.00
Howe, Henry S.	20.00	Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . .	500.00
Hubbard, Charles Eustis . . .	5.00	Livermore, T. L., Esq. . . .	10.00
Hubbard, Charles W.	50.00	Lombard, The Misses	5.00
Hubbard, James M.	10.00	Loring, Augustus P.	25.00
Hughes, W. H.	2.00	Loring, The Misses	15.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	2.00	Loring, Miss K. P.	10.00
Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth A. .	2.00	Loring, Mrs. William C. . . .	115.00
Hunnewell, F. W.	45.00	Lothrop, Mrs. T. K.	25.00
Hunnewell, Henry S.	5.00	Lowell, Mrs. Edward J. . . .	10.00
Hunnewell, Miss Jane B. . . .	104.87	Lowell, Mrs. George G. . . .	10.00
Hunnewell, Walter	25.00	Lowell, Miss Georgina	25.00
Hutchins, Miss E.	2.00	Lowell, Mrs. John	2.00
"In Memoriam"	10.00	Lowell, Miss Lucy	10.00
Jackson, Miss A. P.	60.00	Lyman, Arthur T.	20.00
Jackson, Mrs. C. C.	26.00	Lyman, Miss B. H.	5.00
Jackson, Prof. C. L.	20.00	Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00
Jackson, Mrs. Henry	5.00	Lyman, Miss Mabel	10.00
Jackson, Mrs. Henry B.	5.00	Lyman, Mrs. Theodore	26.00
Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	20.00	Manning, Mrs. F. C.	3.00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25.00	Mason, Miss Ellen F.	300.00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	7.00	Mason, Miss Fanny P.	2,300.00
Jaques, Miss Helen L.	10.00	Mason, Miss Ida M.	1,525.00
Jaynes, C. P.	25.00	Massachusetts Charitable	
Jenney, William T.	38.00	Fire Society	75.00
Jones, Miss Ellen M.	2.00	Master Builders' Associa-	
Kehew, Mrs. William B.	5.00	tion	25.00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10.00	May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00

McElwain, H. E. . . .	\$20.00	Putnam, Miss E. C., trustee, . . .	\$20.00
Means, Mrs. James . . .	10.00	Putnam, Mrs. James J. . . .	5.00
Merriam, Charles . . .	10.00	Rackemann, Mr. and Mrs.	
Mifflin, Mrs. George H. . .	5.00	Charles S.	10.00
Minot, Mrs. Charles S. . .	10.00	Reed, Mrs. William Howell, . .	5.00
Mixer, Miss M. C. . . .	15.00	Revere, Mrs. Paul J. . . .	2.00
Morgan, C. R.	28.17	Richards, Mrs. John . . .	25.00
Morrill, Miss Amelia . . .	5.00	Richardson, Mrs. E. C. . .	2.00
Morrill, Miss F. E. . . .	5.00	Richardson, Dr. W. L. . . .	100.00
Morse, Miss F. R. . . .	25.00	Rodman, Miss Emma . . .	2.50
Morse, Mrs. S. T. . . .	25.00	Rodman, S. W.	10.00
Moseley, Miss E. F. . . .	10.00	Rogers, Miss A. P.	505.00
Murdock, Miss Maria . . .	10.00	Rogers, Mrs. J. C.	25.00
Newman, Albert H. . . .	10.00	Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00
Nichols, Benjamin W. . . .	25.00	Russel, Miss Lucy E. . . .	2.00
Nichols, Miss Mary P. . . .	5.00	Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20.00
Nickerson, Andrew	10.00	Salem Woman's Club . . .	10.00
Nickerson, Howard T. . . .	2.00	Saltonstall, Mrs. Leverett . .	10.00
Paine, The Misses	50.00	Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M. . .	10.00
Paine Association, Robert		Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00
Treat	100.00	Sargent, Miss Mary	5.00
Paine, Mr. and Mrs. R. T.,		Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop . .	100.00
2d	50.00	Saunders, Miss Carrie H. . .	2.00
Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.	6.00	Schmidt, Arthur P.	10.00
Parker, Miss E. G.	10.00	Sears, Mrs. F. R.	10.00
Parkman, Miss M. R. . . .	21.09	Sears, Henry F.	50.00
Parkinson, Mrs. John . . .	25.00	Sears, Horace S.	50.00
Parkman, Miss E. S. . . .	5.00	Sears, Mrs. Herbert M. . .	25.00
Parsons, Miss Georgiana . .	10.00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00
Peabody, F. H.	25.00	Senior, Robert M.	5.00
Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott, .	10.00	Sever, Miss Emily	10.00
Peters, Frederick W., "in		Sharp, Miss Helen	5.00
memory of Mrs. E. C.		Shattuck, Mrs. F. C. . . .	157.00
Peters"	2.00	Shaw, Francis	10.00
Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50.00	Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland . .	25.00
Pickering, Henry G. . . .	100.00	Shaw, Mrs. Henry Russell . .	5.00
Pickering, Mrs. Henry . . .	200.00	Shaw, Mrs. Robert Gould . .	50.00
Pickman, Mrs. D. L. . . .	25.00	Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A. . . .	100.00
Pierce, Miss Katharine C. . .	5.00	Shinn, Rev. G. W.	17.00
Potter, Mrs. W. B.	10.00	Simpkins, Miss M. W. . . .	5.00
Prang, Mrs. Louis	5.00	Small, Miss A. M.	104.00
Pratt, Laban	5.00	Smith, Miss Alice Weston . .	5.00

Smith, Miss Paulina Cony	\$5.00	Unity Lend-a-Hand Club of	
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00	Lowell	\$25.21
Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin .	10.00
Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	15.00	Von Blomberg, Miss Eva .	3.00
Stanwood, Frederic	5.00	Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F. . .	2.00
Stearns, Mrs. Charles H. .	2.00	Walker, Miss M. S.	25.00
Stebbins, Rev. Roderick . .	10.00	Ward, Miss Caroline E. . .	5.00
Stetson, Amos W.	5.00	Ware, Miss Mary L.	40.00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H. . . .	10.00	Warner, Henry E.	10.00
Stone, Mrs. Frederic	10.00	Warren, Samuel D.	150.00
Stone, Miss Katharine H. .	2.00	Welch, Charles A.	40.00
Storer, Miss Abby M. . . .	5.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Stratton, Charles E.	5.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5.00
Stratton, Solomon P.	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W. .	10.00
Swapp, Mrs. Andrew G.		White, Mrs. Joseph H. . . .	5.00
and S.S. Class of 13		Whitney, Mrs. George . . .	3.00
girls	4.25	Whitwell, Miss N. S. . . .	5.00
Tapley, Miss Alice P.	5.00	Whitwell, Miss S. L.	10.00
Tapley, Amos P.	5.00	Wigglesworth, George . . .	100.00
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	10.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas . . .	50.00
Thompson, Mrs. A. C.	2.00	Wilder, Herbert A.	87.86
Thorndike, Charles	25.00	Willard, Z. A.	5.00
Thorp, Mrs. J. G.	10.00	Williams, Ralph B.	50.00
Tileston, Mrs. John B. . . .	5.00	Williams, Miss Ruth	25.00
Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00	Williams, The Misses	20.00
Tolman, James P.	25.00	Willing Circle of King's	
Traiser, Miss Marion J. . .	15.00	Daughters, Waltham . . .	13.86
Tucker, F. H.	23.31	Wolcott, Mrs. Roger	20.00
Tuttle, J. H.	10.00	Young, Mrs. B. L.	25.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Cheney, Mrs. Mary M., 2 suits, 2 petticoats, skirt, underwaist, pair trousers, miscellaneous articles, book.

Clark, Mrs. E. O., dressing-jacket, pair under-drawers, 3 vests, 3 waists, 4 pairs children's drawers, 4 shirt-waists, 3 petticoats, 2 pairs shoes.

Foster, Mrs. Reginald, through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Gray, Mrs. Asa, through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Hopkinson, Mrs. Charles S., through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Jackson, Mrs. Charles C., through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

King's Chapel Employment Society, through Mrs. Charles S. Hopkinson, 15 gingham aprons, 12 gingham dresses, 25 boys' shirts, 6 infants' wrappers, 6 infants' skirts, 12 flannel dresses, 13 outing flannel skirts, 13 night-gowns, 23 pairs drawers, 12 waists.

Lamb, Mrs. H. A., through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Loring, Miss May, through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Loring, Mrs. William C., through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Lovering, Mrs. Charles S., through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Lowell, Mrs. Guy, 9 games, 8 toys, 4 books.

Parsons, Miss Charlotte, through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Rogers, Miss A. P., fur boa.

Sargent, Mrs. F. W., through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

"South Friendly Society," South Congregational Church, 21 dresses, 16 flannel skirts, 7 shirts, 1 apron, 4 infants' wrappers, 12 pairs drawers, 2 night-gowns.

Staigg, Mrs. R. M., 2 pairs woollen mittens.

Taylor & Co., 75 straw hats.

West Barnstable Mission Band, through Miss Sara H. Jones, Secretary, 2 picture books, 27 toys, candy.

Williams, Mrs. Harold, through Miss A. P. Jackson, Christmas presents.

Wright, Miss Louise, 3 gingham dresses, 2 flannel skirts, 2 underwaists, 4 pairs drawers.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S
AID SOCIETY
1904

OCTOBER, 1903, to OCTOBER, 1904

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EDWARD JACKSON, 53 State Street.

Miss GRACE B. KEYES, Concord.

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MARCUS MORTON, 67 Milk Street.

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HENRY G. PICKERING, 10 Tremont Street.

Miss ANNETTE P. ROGERS, 5 Joy Street.

Miss MARY C. ROGERS, Canton.

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Chestnut Hill.

Mrs. R. M. STAIGG, 18 Louisburg Square.

ROBERT B. STONE, 50 State Street.

CHARLES C. WALKER, 302 Berkeley Street.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, 87 Milk Street.

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CHARLES W. BIRTWELL.

Assistant Secretary.

WILLIAM H. PEAR.

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VOLUNTEER VISITORS OF HOME LIBRARIES,

1903-1904.

Miss Theresa Arato.
Miss Mary Bartlett.
Miss Carrie Bates.
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Miss Mary Dewey.

Miss Carrie Edgett.

CENSUS OF CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE SOCIETY OR UNDER ITS OVERSIGHT DURING THE YEAR 1903-1904.

Oct. 1, 1904:

In care of Society, placed-out in families	273	
Under supervision in their own homes	311	
Under supervision elsewhere	36	
Members of Home Libraries	<u>551</u>	
Total number Oct. 1, 1904		1,165
Other children in charge during some portion of the year, but not on		
Oct. 1, 1904		183
Besides those enumerated above, the following have received the ben-		
efit of the advice and assistance of the Bureau of Information . .	<u>924</u>	
Total for the year		2,272

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH

Oct. 1, 1903,

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1903, including uninvested capital \$5,187.19

Current Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$7,764.73	
Received from Ashton Trust	1,600.00	
Annuity from estate of Robert B. Brigham	1,000.00	
Annual subscriptions	4,340.00	
Donations	5,398.70	
Special donations	1,661.01	\$21,764.44
Received from parents, relatives, and guardians	\$9,875.11	
Received from Overseers of the Poor of cities and towns	569.37	
Received from Military Aid	288.00	
Received from Charitable Societies	1,874.73	12,607.21
Witness fees, sale of sundry articles, gain and loss		2.68
Total current receipts		34,374.52
Received Atlanta mortgage and interest	\$4,100.00	
Sold 2,000 Oregon Short Line Cons. at 116 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,337.50	
Sold 2,000 C., B. & Q. Joint 4s at 95 $\frac{7}{8}$	1,932.28	8,369.78
Legacy from Joseph H. Center		1,000.00
Legacy, Robert Charles Billings Fund		4,000.00
		\$54,131.30
Total current receipts, exclusive of legacies	\$34,374.52	
Total current expenses	40,252.88	
Deficit	\$5,878.36	

TREASURER.

THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

to Oct. 1, 1904.

Current Expenses.

Salaries of general secretary, assistant secretary, general assistants, stenographer, book-keeper, three agents in Bureau of Information, seven visitors in Placing-out Agency, Home Libraries assistants, probation agent, office boy	\$15,481.69	
Board, clothing, and sundries of children in charge of Placing-out Agency	20,104.76	
Travel	1,288.37	
Stationery, postage, and printing	747.13	
Express, telegraph, and telephone	260.44	
Light, heat, and care of office	436.99	
Supplies and equipment of office	351.74	
Sundries, including miscellaneous expenses for special children	536.01	
Christmas	54.41	
Home Libraries	411.59	
Annual report	151.95	
Pine Farm taxes and insurance	397.80	
Public Accountant for auditing	30.00	
Total current expenses		\$40,252.88
Bought 5,000 N.Y. Central 4s at 97½	\$4,887.22	
Bought 4,000 C., B. & Q. Joint 4s at 95¾	3,835.00	
		8,722.22
Balance Oct. 1, 1904:—		
Treasurer, including uninvested capital	\$3,712.45	
General secretary	243.75	3,956.20
		\$54,131.30

I. TUCKER BURR, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1904, and find that the securities are on hand, as called for by the investments, that the income from the same has been accounted for, that vouchers are on hand for all disbursements, that the footings of the cash books are correct, and that the balance of cash on hand at the close of the year has been properly identified.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT, *Public Accountant.*

BOSTON, Jan. 11, 1905.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

OCT. 1, 1903, THROUGH SEPT. 30, 1904.

[Names marked with an asterisk (*) are of persons who have died.]

Ahl, Mrs. Daniel	\$25.00	Brown, Mrs. Atherton T. . . .	\$2.00
Aiken, Mrs. Walter	5.00	Brown, C. H. C.	5.00
Ames, Mrs. James B.	20.00	Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	25.00
Ames, Miss Mary S.	25.00	Buck, Mrs. David	5.00
Andrews, Miss Mary T. . . .	15.00	Bullard, Alfred M.	3.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G. . . .	10.00	Bullard, Stephen	5.00
Anonymous	25.00	Bullard, Theodore	10.00
Anonymous, Two Sisters . . .	5.00	Bullard, Mrs. W. S.	10.00
Appleton, Mrs. William . . .	5.00	Bunker, Alfred	3.00
Atkinson, George	10.00	Burditt, Mrs. Charles A. . . .	2.00
		Burnham, Mrs. J. A.	5.00
Baker, Harvey H.	2.00	Burr, I. Tucker	50.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth . . .	5.00		
Barker, Miss F. M.	8.00	Cabot, Miss Amy W.	10.00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	10.00	Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20.00
Bartlett, Miss Fannie	2.00	Cabot, Mrs. Henry B.	164.65
Bartlett, Francis	25.00	Cabot, John H.	25.00
Batchelder, Mrs. C. F.	10.00	Cabot, Mrs. Walter C.	200.00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	5.00	Callendar, Mrs. Henry	2.00
Beal, Thomas P.	5.00	Campbell, Rev. Wm. R.	2.00
Bickford, Miss Carrie L. . . .	34.01	Cary, Mrs. E. M.	100.00
Bigelow, Miss M. A.	5.00	Cary, Miss G. S.	10.00
Birtwell, Miss Mary L., trustee	46.50	Case, Mrs. James B.	10.00
Blake, Mrs. A. W.	10.00	Cavanagh, George H.	5.00
Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman	10.00	Chamberlin, Miss Louise M., . .	2.00
Borland, M. W.	10.00	Chandler, Mrs. F. W.	10.00
Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00	Channing, Miss E. P.	1.00
Bowditch, Dr. Henry P.	2.00	Chase, Mrs. William L.	5.00
Bowditch, W. I.	5.00	Cheever, Mrs. David W.	10.00
Bradley, Mrs. R. S.	2.00	Cheever, Miss Helen	6.00
Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	15.00	Church, All Souls' Unitarian, Sunday-school of	10.00
Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin	2.00	Church, First Parish, Cambridge	50.00
Briggs, Mrs. Caleb Tucker . . .	1.00	Clapp, James H.	1.00
Brooks, Fred	2.00		

Clark, Mrs. Frederic S. . . .	\$10.00	"Friend"	\$10.00
Clark, Herbert	2.00	"Friend," through Miss	
Clark, Mrs. John T.	10.00	Grace B. Keyes	323.80
Codman, Charles R.	10.00	"Friend," through Miss Eliz-	
Collamore, Miss Helen . . .	300.00	abeth R. Storrow	100.00
Converse, Mrs. C. C.	5.00	"Friends," through Miss	
Cooledge, Miss Matilda G. .	5.00	J. A. Rutherford	16.62
Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph.	10.00		
Coolidge, Julian L.	100.00	Gardiner, Miss Eugenia . . .	25.00
Cotting, Miss Alice	2.00	Gardiner, Edward H.	2.00
Cowing, Mrs. W. H.	10.00	Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. . .	2.00
Crafts, Mrs. James M. . . .	50.00	Goddard, George A.	25.00
Crocker, George G.	5.00	Goldthwaite, Dr. Joel E. . . .	5.00
Cummings, Mrs. Charles A. .	10.00	Gray, Mrs. Asa	100.00
Cunningham, Mrs. F.	10.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00
Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles		Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00
P.	20.00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5.00
Curtis, Miss Isabella P. . . .	5.00	Greenough, Charles P.	2.00
Curtis, Louis	10.00	Guild, Miss Harriet J.	2.00
Cushing, Grafton D.	10.00		
Cushing, Robert M.	25.00	*Hale, Mrs. George S.	25.00
		Hallowell, Mrs. N. H.	4.00
Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00	Hartwell, Henry W.	10.00
Dalton, C. H.	10.00	Haynes, John C.	100.00
Davenport, Mrs. George H. .	48.15	Head, Mrs. Charles	5.00
Davis, Mrs. Simon	3.00	Hecht, Mrs. Lena F.	25.00
Denny, Miss M. G.	3.00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10.00
Dexter, George	50.00	Hooper, Mrs. J. R.	10.00
Dexter, Mrs. Morton	5.00	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G.	150.00
Dole, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. F.,	7.00	Howe, Henry S.	20.00
Drummond, Mrs. James . . .	10.00	Hubbard, Charles Eustis . . .	5.00
Dunklee, Miss Helen L. . . .	2.00	Hubbard, Charles W.	50.00
Dunn, Edward H.	20.00	Hubbard, James M.	10.00
		Hughes, W. H.	2.00
Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00	Humphreys, R. C.	2.00
Ellis, Miss Emily B.	50.00	Hunneman, Miss Elizabeth A.	2.00
Ernst, Mrs. Harold C.	5.00	Hunnewell, Miss Jane B. . .	116.58
		Hunnewell, Walter	25.00
Fay, Lillie, Alice, Ethel, Ros-		Hutchins, Miss E.	3.00
amond, Richard, and			
Arthur	10.00	"In Memoriam"	10.00
Fay, Miss Sarah B.	206.95		
Fay, Miss Sarah M.	10.00	Jackson, Miss A. P.	55.00
Fegan, Mrs. Fannie Hall . . .	2.00	Jackson, Professor C. L. . . .	20.00
Fiske, Mrs. Joseph N.	25.00	Jackson, Edward (for 1903) . .	50.00
Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott	150.00	Jackson, Edward (for 1904),	50.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00	Jackson, Mrs. Henry	5.00
Francke, Mrs. Kuno	6.00	Jackson, Mrs. Henry B.	5.00

Jackson, Miss M. C.	\$25.00	Minot, Mrs. Charles S. . . .	\$10.00
Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	10.00	Mixter, Miss M. C.	10.00
Jacques, Miss Helen L. . . .	10.00	Morrill, Miss Amelia	5.00
Jaynes, C. P.	25.00	Morrill, Miss F. E.	5.00
		Morse, Miss F. R.	25.00
Kehew, Mrs. Wm. B.	5.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10.00	Moseley, Miss Ellen F. . . .	10.00
Kilham, Miss Annie M. . . .	5.00	Murdock, Miss Maria	10.00
Kimball, Miss Hannah P. . .	5.00		
King's Chapel, Committee on		Newman, Albert H.	15.00
Charities	50.00	Nichols, Benjamin W.	25.00
		Nichols, Miss Mary P.	5.00
Lamb, H. A.	100.00	Nickerson, Andrew	5.00
Lamb, H. A., trustee	60.00	Nickerson, Howard T.	2.00
Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100.00		
Lawrence, Miss Marian . . .	20.00	Paine, The Misses	50.00
Lawrence, Rt. Rev. William,	25.00	Paine Association, Robert	
Lee, George C.	25.00	Treat	100.00
Lee, Mrs. Henry	50.00	Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Robert	
Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . .	500.00	T., 2d	50.00
Lombard, The Misses	5.00	Palfrey, Mr. and Mrs. John	
Loring, Augustus P.	25.00	C.	6.00
Loring, Miss K. P.	10.00	Parker, Miss E. G.	10.00
Loring, The Misses	15.00	*Parkinson, Mrs. John . . .	25.00
Loring, Mrs. William C. . . .	110.00	Parkman, Miss E. S.	5.00
Lothrop, Mrs. Thornton K.,	25.00	Peabody, F. H.	25.00
Lowell, Mrs. A. Lawrence . .	25.00	Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott . .	10.00
Lowell, Mrs. Edward J. . . .	10.00	Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50.00
Lowell, Mrs. George G. . . .	10.00	Pickering, Mrs. Henry	200.00
Lowell, Miss Georgina	25.00	Pickman, Mrs. Dudley L. . .	25.00
Lowell, Mrs. John	2.00	Pierce, Miss K. C.	5.00
Lowell, Miss Lucy	10.00	Potter, Mrs. W. B.	10.00
Lyman, Arthur T.	20.00	Pratt, Laban	5.00
Lyman, Miss B. H.	5.00	Putnam, Mrs. James J. . . .	5.00
Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00	Rackemann, Mr. and Mrs.	
Lyman, Miss Mabel	10.00	Charles S.	15.00
		Reed, Mrs. Wm. Howard . . .	5.00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	3.00	Revere, Mrs. Paul J.	2.00
Mason, Miss Ellen F.	300.00	Richards, Mrs. John	25.00
Mason, Miss Fanny P.	500.00	Richardson, Mrs. E. C. . . .	2.00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	1,500.00	Richardson, Dr. W. L. . . .	100.00
Massachusetts Charitable		Ricker, R. E.	2.00
Fire Society	75.00	Rodman, S. W.	10.00
Matchett, Mrs. W. F.	50.00	Rogers, Miss A. P.	529.70
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00	Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00
Means, Mrs. James	10.00	Russel, Miss Lucy	3.00
Merriam, Charles	10.00	Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20.00
Mifflin, Mrs. George H. . . .	5.00		

Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M. . . .	\$10.00	Tapley, Miss Alice P. . . .	\$5.00
Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00	Tapley, Amos P.	10.00
Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop . . .	100.00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R. . . .	10.00
Saunders, Miss Carrie H. . . .	2.00	Thompson, Mrs. A. C. . . .	2.00
Schmidt, Arthur P.	10.00	Thorndike, Charles	25.00
Schmidt, Mrs. Arthur P. . . .	16.28	Thorp, Mrs. J. G.	10.00
Sears, Mrs. F. R.	10.00	Tolman, Mrs. H. S.	5.00
Sears, Henry F.	50.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Sears, Mrs. Herbert M.	25.00	Traiser, Miss Marion J. . . .	15.00
Sears, Horace S.	50.00	Tuttle, J. H.	10.00
Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00		
Sever, Miss Emily	10.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin . . .	10.00
Sharp, Miss Helen	5.00	von Blomberg, Miss Eva . . .	3.00
Shattuck, Mrs. F. C.	843.00		
Shaw, Francis	10.00	Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F. . . .	2.00
Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland	25.00	W., M. A.	6.00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100.00	Ward, Miss Caroline E. . . .	5.00
Shaw, Mrs. Robert Gould . . .	50.00	Ware, Miss Mary L.	40.00
Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10.00	Warren, S. D.	150.00
Shinn, Rev. G. W.	5.00	Webster, Rev. Francis E. . . .	22.50
Simpkins, Miss M. W.	5.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Small, Miss A. M.	106.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5.00
Smith, Miss Alice Weston. . . .	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W. . . .	10.00
Smith, Miss Paulina C.	5.00	White, Mrs. Joseph H.	5.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00	Whitney, Mrs. George	3.00
Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00	Whitwell, Miss N. S.	5.00
Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	15.00	Wigglesworth, George	100.00
Stanwood, Frederic	5.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	50.00
Stearns, Mrs. Chas. H.	2.00	Wilder, Herbert A.	10.22
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	10.00	Willard, Mrs. Z. A.	5.00
Stone, Mrs. Frederic	10.00	Williams, The Misses	20.00
Stone, Miss Katharine H. . . .	2.00	Williams, Ralph B.	50.00
Storer, Miss Abby M.	5.00	Williams, Miss Ruth	25.00
Stratton, Charles E.	5.00		
Stratton, Solomon P.	5.00	Yale, Miss Caroline A.	10.00
		Young, Mrs. B. L.	25.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS, 1903-1904.

- Almy, Mrs. William, 1 baby carriage.
Ames, Mrs. Oliver, 1 white iron crib, 2 brass cribs.
"Anonymous," 1 barrel of clothing.
Bigelow, H. S., 1 go-cart.
Boston & Philadelphia Steamship Co., free transportation for boy from Boston to Philadelphia.
Boston Elevated Railway Company, 750 Fresh Air Fund tickets.
Bowen, Henry J., 1 baby carriage.
Buzzell, J. W., 1 baby carriage.
Clark, Mrs. Etta O., 2 flannel shirts, making of 4 gingham dresses and petticoats from materials furnished.
Clarke, Mrs. Frederick W., 1 white iron bed and spring.
Dixwell, Arthur, 200 tickets for swan boats, Public Garden.
Faunce, Alton, 1 baby carriage.
Freeman, Mrs. J. E., 1 baby carriage.
Foss, G. E., 1 baby carriage.
Greenleaf, Mrs. L. B., 1 brass bed, springs and mattress, 1 large basket crib with mattress, 2 high chairs, 1 low chair, 1 small ice-box.
Harnden, Mrs. R. E., 1 boy's linen suit and undervest.
Jackson, Miss Anna P., black skirt for special child.
Jackson, Mrs. Walter, 3 wash dresses, 2 white skirts, flannel skirt, book, toy.
King, Mrs. C. F., 1 baby carriage.
Leavitt, Miss Elizabeth, 7 books.
Lincoln, Dr. David F., book.
McAllister, Miss Helen and sister, 20 bags made of net, filled with candy and popcorn.
Perkins, A. W., go-cart.
Porter, Mrs. Mary O., clothing.
Sears, Richard, suit, 11 shirts, pair shoes.
Smith, Charles F., Captain of steamship "Parthian," Boston & Philadelphia Steamship Company, free meals for boy in transit from Boston to Philadelphia.
Strohm, Miss E. P., 9 books.
Taylor & Co., hats and caps for children.
Thayer, Mrs. John E., go-cart.

ORGANIZATIONS, 1903-1904.

- Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild, 8 pairs drawers, 18 flannel shirts, 2 boys' flannel shirts, 2 boys' cotton shirt-waists, 2 boys' flannel undershirts, 2 boys' flannel underdrawers, 9 pairs children's stockings, 1 girl's cotton dress, 2 girls' night-gowns, 4 children's underwaists, 6 handkerchiefs, 4 girls' aprons, 1 pair woollen gloves, 1 hood, 6 girls' undervests.
- Boston, Hancock Church Sewing Circle, 7 gingham dresses, 1 apron, 6 pairs drawers.
- Boston, King's Chapel Employment Society, 161 *garments*: 6 flannel skirts, 9 outing flannel pinning blankets, 6 outing flannel infants' night-dresses, 13 unbleached drawers, 40 gingham aprons, 13 outing flannel dresses, 26 underwaists, 4 cotton night-dresses, 7 infants' white flannel dresses, 9 white flannel infants' pinning blankets, 10 outing flannel blouses, 18 outing flannel skirts.
- Boston Sewing Circle, 12 boys' shirts, 15 girls' wash dresses, 13 boys' night-shirts.
- Boston, South Congregational Church, South Friendly Society, 14 flannel skirts, 6 boys' outing flannel shirts, 13 pairs cotton drawers, 2 outing flannel night-dresses, 10 print dresses, shirt-waists and skirts, 7 gingham dresses, 5 gingham aprons, 5 night-dresses, 11 pairs drawers.
- Lexington, Congregational Church, Hancock Home Missionary Union, making of garments from materials furnished by B. C. A. S., 20 gingham aprons, 19 outing flannel skirts, 13 pairs drawers, 4 white aprons.
- Lexington, Children of the Hancock School, Gertrude W. Carleton, principal, 1 barrel and box of clothing and toys.
- Roslindale Women's Alliance, through Miss S. Elizabeth Kelsey, Secretary, 7 books for children.
- West Barnstable Mission Band, through Miss Sara H. Jones, Secretary, 21 bags and 5 boxes of candy, 25 picture books, 7 games, 2 bean bags, jump rope, toys, cards, Noah's ark, paper dolls, purse, side combs, fancy pin, 5 outing flannel skirts, pair leggings, pair shoes.



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1905

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OCTOBER, 1904, TO OCTOBER, 1905

OFFICE

43 CHARITY BUILDING, CORNER OF HAWKINS AND CHARDON STREETS
BOSTON MASS.

Subscriptions and donations should be made payable to order of Boston Children's Aid Society, and sent to Charles W. Birtwell, General Secretary, 43 Charity Building, Boston.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Boston Children's Aid Society, incorporated in 1865, the sum of dollars to be applied to the uses of said corporation.

OFFICERS FOR 1905-1906.

President.

HENRY P. BOWDITCH, M.D.

Vice-Presidents.

ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

THEOPHILUS PARSONS.

Honorary Vice-Presidents.

HENRY S. GREW.

EDWARD JACKSON.

MRS. CHARLES G. AMES.

RIGHT REV. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, D.D.

REV. WILLIAM J. TUCKER, D.D.

MOORFIELD STOREY.

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CENSUS OF CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE SOCIETY OR UNDER ITS OVERSIGHT DURING THE YEAR 1904-1905.

Oct. 1, 1905:

In care of Society, placed-out in families	326
Under supervision in their own homes	394
Under supervision elsewhere	27
Members of Home Libraries	522

Total number Oct. 1, 1905 1,269

Other children in charge during some portion of the year,
but not on Oct. 1, 1905 269

Besides those enumerated above, the following number have re-
ceived the benefit of the advice and assistance of the Bureau
of Information 1,097

Total for the year 2,635

METHODS IN BRIEF.

The Society investigates cases of exposed, destitute, and wayward children; gives advice and provides care and oversight tending to secure radical and permanent benefit; studies questions relating to children; records experience; promotes needed legislation; encourages co-operation among child-helping agencies.

The Bureau of Admission, Information, and Counsel, investigates each case submitted to it. Methods of aid are: first, information and advice; second, reference to other agencies; third, care or oversight of various departments of the Children's Aid Society.

The Placing-out Agency places homeless children in private families, chiefly in the country, under careful supervision.

The Probation Agency befriends boys under seventeen, arrested and placed on probation in our charge; also, truants and friendless boys.

Home Libraries are placed in the homes of children in poor neighborhoods. Ten children under a child-librarian and volunteer visitor meet weekly in the living-room of the librarian's family. The purpose is to encourage good reading, home amusements, and penny savings, and to foster a wholesome home life.



Youth in picture eighteen years old, in this home since twelve years of age. \$126 in savings bank, and earning \$15 per month.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

The Society has just closed the heaviest year's work in its history. Fourteen hundred and fifty children came before the Bureau of Information within the year. It is imperative that, when a case comes to us, it shall be possible to assign some one to its immediate investigation. It has often been difficult to meet this necessity. Each agent in the Bureau of Information has constantly in his or her hands anywhere from fifteen to thirty-five cases in various stages of investigation or action. The work has been carried by the agents steadily and courageously in spite of its discouraging volume. The plan, in accordance with which

the committee on the Bureau of Information meets every two weeks with the agents to learn in detail what they do, and on the alternate week with the general secretary to consider methods and principles, has meant much labor for the committee and an essential influence in the work.

An impression of the nature of the work may be gained from the inevitable experience of newly appointed agents. Though chosen because of presumed special fitness, invariably the first month of initiation is a period of great strain, so much is revealed of the darker side of life. But it is equally the rule that, when once over against the volume of trouble and evil that a great community brings to a Society like ours, has been revealed the power of good counsel, resourceful planning, and persistent personal influence, the new worker experiences a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction, which grows as experience gives knowledge of the varied resources of benevolence in our community, and the intimate study of the people themselves reveals the varied possibilities of self-help.

The Bureau of Information, to which in the first instance each case comes for investigation and consideration, may be said to have the entire services of three agents, part of the time of a fourth, and a share of the time of the assistant secretary and the general secretary. The department may be said to cost \$6,000, equal to the entire expense of the Society twenty years ago, when the Society was already twenty years old. This part of the work of the Society is one of the guarantees in our city that the poor shall be helped wisely, and that the growth of philanthropy in the city shall be in the direction of best methods and real need. The reference of four hundred and fifty-six children to about fifty other agencies stands for a discriminating use of allied philanthropic enterprises, there being in Boston two hundred and seventy-nine

charities that solicit support from benevolent citizens. A large number of public officials—judges, policemen, truant officers, teachers—and many clergymen, physicians, lawyers, and business men in the course of the work in behalf of these fourteen hundred and fifty children have considered with us concretely something of the tests of sound charity and code of individual responsibility and standard of family loyalty which it is the practice to enforce and illustrate in and through the whole work. Further, I firmly believe that there is no surer way to reach the errors and affect the standards of the crowds that surge through our streets, scarcely knowing of our existence, than to stand, in one concrete instance after another, with what wisdom and patience and energy we may, for the truest as against the easiest escape from trouble.

For it is often a heroic course we urge. Especially will the treatment of the seven hundred and twenty-two children, half of the total number that came to us, dealt with by this Society without recourse to other charities, be found to embody the strictest views of parental responsibility and individual effort. For two hundred and fifty-seven of this number only advice was given, suggestion based on experience and enforced by persuasion and personal influence. The only relief offered to one hundred and twelve others was the continuous oversight of the Bureau of Information, the Probation Agent, or a Home Library visitor. One hundred and eighty-nine were referred to the Placing-out Agency, and the collection of \$11,247 from relatives toward the total of \$23,570 spent in that department for board and clothing of children in families means a record of industry, faithfulness, and parental devotion that does honor to a large number of poor men and women,—widows and widowers, grandparents, elder brothers and sisters,—who, week in and week out, through the long year,

uncomplainingly deny themselves, and contribute to the very utmost of their ability to the support of the children. In no group of children would the sufferings or conduct of the poor themselves make a stronger appeal to our pity and respect than in connection with those who come to us under two years of age, two hundred and sixty-three in number the last year, largely children of illegitimate birth. No easy path is offered to these often very young mothers. Reconciliation with relatives and the braving of disgrace, family service with the child at low wages,—these are typical courses, often adopted with great courage and real nobility of purpose. Such cases often make a heavy demand upon the agents of the Society, and yet wonderfully repay the labor.

In many cases the mothers are so young that they are properly counted upon our records as children, and require to be treated as children, and yet recognized as mothers.

Again, there is an increasing class of young girls brought to our attention—thirty-one this past year—who need special oversight in their own homes,—girls who, on account of peculiar temperament or unfortunate experience, need to be studied and watched and influenced, whose relatives need the aid of experienced advisers. I believe that it will be desirable and possible to utilize volunteers in connection with the moral oversight of children whose peculiar situations call for such oversight in their own homes by a society like ours. It requires many influences to fill the need of any human life, and we should aim at every possible enrichment of the service rendered to these children.

In one aspect, therefore, we have here a department of relief,—moral relief; and the problem is how to make it adequate. The results prove over and over again the value of such relief. In a single instance the financial saving to the public or private child-

helping agencies may easily be half the entire salary of a competent worker. But we are daily sensible of the disproportion between the volume of work and the number of our agents. Each case that comes to us is an opportunity. Practically, always we find a situation of real distress, of moral or physical need, or both. It is not possible for less than four people with the time available from Mr. Pear and myself to do justice to cases involving within a year fourteen hundred and fifty children. The number of cases we should expect each agent to handle must be reduced. The due increase of the staff should only await the remedying of the present financial situation.

Another consideration is that studies of our facts as a whole, of groups of cases, of results, throwing light, as they surely would, upon a variety of questions, will be impossible until the number of cases that one agent is expected to manage is materially reduced. A reduction from the present ratio of one agent to two hundred and seventy-five cases per year, involving four hundred



Home of an orphan girl.

children, to one hundred and seventy-five cases, involving two hundred and fifty children, would go far to insure that adequacy of moral relief and to make possible those studies to which I have referred. It might also open the way to much-needed effort to stimulate parents among the poor to intelligent action along various lines for the moral guidance and protection of their own children. Such a change would mean two additional agents.

Two hundred and thirty-five children were referred to our Placing-out Agency, so that about one in every six investigated required to be provided for by being placed in a private family,—for adoption, at board, free of charge, or at wages. The Placing-out Agency with its seven agents has had in its care in families four hundred and ninety-one different children within the year, or a daily family rising from two hundred and eighty-three at the beginning of the year to three hundred and twenty-six at the close, the largest number to date. Gathered together under a single roof, these children would fill a very large institution. Scattered as they are in New England homes, the wonder is that seven agents can be always ready for the new and urgent cases as they arise, and at the same time able to keep in such close personal touch with the children already placed, the people with whom they live, and the communities of which they are a part. It would be impossible without careful organization and distribution of responsibility, a high standard in the selection of agents, and great devotion on the part of the agents. In this department, also, though again the decisions rest with the executive, the fortnightly meetings of the committee with the agents and with the general secretary are a vital feature of administration. The cost of this part of the work may be said to have been \$33,000, of which board and clothing cost \$23,570; and toward this latter sum parents and relatives contributed \$11,247. This is, indeed, as has been

said, a form of charity which justifies enthusiasm, if rightly administered; and the quality of the families secured as the result of our elaborate and relentless plan of investigation in the selection



Three sisters and their brother at board in a family while the mother goes to a hospital for an operation.

of families, the quality of supervision obtained by methods that have grown in effectiveness year by year, and the natural conditions of wholesome family life, and great fund of conscience and generous feeling in these many homes and communities brought to bear upon the children, justify us in looking to the charitable public for its adequate support. Here, too, however, there is always such a pressure of work that it is impossible to get the time to put into usable form the interesting and significant facts constantly pouring into our records. The placing-out method is

more and more replacing the institutional. It is of the highest importance that close study of the principles and methods that can alone safeguard the plan should steadily be maintained. It is idle to try to utilize in this large way the experience of the Society while every agent is kept under such constant pressure of daily work. The Society has been an advocate of this method of caring for destitute children. It is more than ever incumbent upon us to throw all possible light on its problems, and to do what we can to reveal those tests and establish those standards that are necessary to guarantee efficiency. The city, too, is growing apace, and the necessity of a larger force of workers is one of the reasons for a vigorous effort now to bring the current income of the Society up to its outgo.



Some compensation for early misfortune.

In the probation work Mr. Lawrence has visited daily the station houses in the central part of the city, Station 1 on Hanover Street,

Station 2 on Court Street, 3 on Joy Street, and 4 on La Grange Street, and attended the daily sessions of the Central Municipal Court, and has shown his usual devotion to the more than three hundred boys whom he visits in their own homes.

The extended agitation last winter for a single judge in the Juvenile Session instead of the present scheme of eight judges serving in turn, a week at a time, though unsuccessful in that precise direction, bore fruit in the increased interest in the probation work on the part of the judges, with the result that since last May the Juvenile Session has been held in a room wholly set apart for it, and a movement is well under way, and some of the judges already interested in it, to secure a second room, so that each case may be heard by itself. Owing to a generous special subscription, the Society was enabled a year ago to add another man to its staff, and later to send him regularly to the weekly Juvenile Session of the Roxbury Court, the most important of the courts next to the Central, where on an average he investigates weekly about six boys under arrest.

The probation work may be said to cost \$2,000 a year. But we cannot stop at the Central and Roxbury Courts. In the nearer metropolitan area, with its various municipal, police, and district courts, over three thousand children are arrested yearly, and treated according to varied and sometimes unsatisfactory methods, often resulting, in cases of appeal, for instance, or for non-payment of fine, in commitment to institutions for adults. Before this Society has done its full duty in this field, the law, the courts, the court officials, the private charities, and volunteer citizens must be so organized as to insure, whenever possible, the avoidance even of arrest; whenever feasible, probation instead of commitment, and in every instance of probation an efficient probation service.



In the fifty-eight Home Libraries the year has witnessed the usual functions,—the weekly meetings of each group of about ten children with their visitor in the home of the child-librarian, the flower sales in the spring, the festivals in the fall for the boys and girls who could bring live plants from the spring sales, the Randidge excursion and various other outings, the varied Christmas festivities, the contests in the Home Library Base Ball League for the cup offered by three Harvard students, the usual stamp savings, opening of accounts at the savings banks, etc. For the first time in their history the libraries have held a general meeting at which five hundred children were present. The meeting was held in Huntington Chambers, near the Public Library. As the afternoon hour prevented the working boys and girls from attending, the clamor for an opportunity to be present this year has necessitated arrangements for an evening as well as an afternoon meeting. Songs, recitations, and tableaux by the children constituted the chief part of last year's entertainment. It is gratifying to note the growing intimacy and influence of the two members of the Home Library office staff with a wide circle of families and children, and a constantly closer relation with the children and families on the part of the volunteer visitors. I think the corps of more than thirty visitors is kept up with less than the usual difficulty, that a willingness to take a hand in such work is spreading through the community, and that we should, and can, enlist a larger number of volunteers. The Home Libraries reach in an intimate and singularly wholesome way, not rarely, but steadily throughout the year, fully six hundred children, and may be said to cost \$2,500.

We receive interesting reports and inquiries from Home Li-

braries that have now been established in at least a dozen of the largest cities of the country.

Valuable additions have been made to our library of charity and correction, and our eight thousand books and pamphlets—reports, proceedings, monographs, periodicals, compilations of laws, etc.—are being used more and more by our own workers and people interested in these problems.

Much work was done by this Society to promote the passage of the non-support bill proposed by the Associated Charities last winter. The bill was most desirable, as it embodied in a general law the practice of certain progressive courts of putting men guilty of not supporting their families on probation, and under the discipline of a standing order of the court for regular payments, instead of subjecting them merely to a single fine, and in case of non-payment sending them to prison, when non-support became, so to speak, compulsory. The bill met with much opposition, and was repeatedly endangered by prejudice and misunderstanding. At critical points and under conditions of no little difficulty conferences were effected between parties in interest and between legislators and court officials, and this Society has a right to a large share in the gratification at the final passage of the bill.

Another legislative contest was of great importance to this Society. Up to 1898 the law gave to every child the right to attend the public schools in the town or city in which his parent or legal guardian had a legal residence, but did not guarantee this fundamental right to free education to children separated from their parents or guardians or to those placed out by charitable societies. Pressure on school accommodations, and the cost of transporting pupils in sparsely settled districts, led to much contention as to the right of such children to attend school without charge, and as to how a city or town permitting attendance should reimburse

itself. In that year, on the initiative of this Society and through the help of the State Board of Education, a great service to such children was performed by the statutory establishment of the right of every child to attend the public schools without charge, not only in the place in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence, but also in the place where the child himself actually resides. Last winter, to facilitate the collection of tuition fees from certain parents from whom they were legally due, but difficult to obtain, certain city solicitors proposed a measure which would have aided their purpose, but incidentally would have destroyed the right guaranteed by the law of 1898. Thousands of children, members of broken families, of necessity living away from their parents, and the entire range of placing-out agencies, would have been hurt by the measure. Benevolent guardians of poor children and such placing-out agencies would have been liable to a charge for the tuition of children in their care. This Society brought together representatives of the leading child-helping agencies, and a swift and vigorous campaign stopped the progress of the bill, which had strong support and even reached its second reading, and led to the enactment of a substitute measure drawn by the general secretary of this Society, aimed at the real difficulty and free from the incidental mischief of the other bill, the passage of which in the opinion of several officials possessed of special information would have affected unhappily fully ten thousand children in the State.

The Society's expenditures are at the rate of at least \$47,000 a year as against a reasonably assured income for current expenses of not over \$35,000. The necessity that lies immediately before us, therefore, is to bring the work directly and personally to the attention of those citizens who care about such things, and, if this is done, it is difficult to believe that the response will not be ade-

quate. The things done are works of necessity and humanity; they embody the humane impulses of our citizens; they make for the good of the whole community. The Society has not been importunate from year to year; and, with the continued support of those who have been so long faithful to it, may we not hope to secure the necessary increase of income?

CHARLES W. BIRTWELL,
General Secretary.

PLACING-OUT.

OCT. 1, 1904, TO OCT. 1, 1905.

Different children supported in families within the year	483
Average number of children supported in families throughout the year . . .	300
Children supported in families at beginning of year	283
Children supported in families at close of year	326
Children at board in families	182
In families free of expense to Society except for clothing	13
In free homes,—no charge to Society for board or clothing	64
In families earning wages	52
In hospitals or other institutions or with relatives, temporarily or on trial, . .	15
	326
Graduates of Placing-out Department who have returned to relatives, but are still under oversight	46

PROBATION AGENCY.

	Boys under Oversight on October 1.	Doing well.	Fairly well.	Poorly.
1891	85	50—59%	17—20%	18—21%
1892	173	95—55%	57—33%	21—12%
1893	196	115—59%	53—27%	28—14%
1894	217	126—58%	61—28%	30—14%
1895	242	127—52%	96—40%	19—8%
1896	246	102—41%	118—48%	26—11%
1897	271	114—42%	115—42%	42—16%
1898	288	121—42%	123—43%	44—15%
1899	312	130—42%	125—40%	57—18%
1900	302	129—43%	132—44%	41—13%
1901	311	110—36%	147—47%	54—17%
1902	302	127—42%	139—46%	36—12%
1903	301	147—49%	117—39%	37—12%
1904	297	121—41%	133—45%	43—14%
1905	309	113—37%	143—46%	53—17%

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

OCTOBER, 1904, TO OCTOBER 1905.

	Cases.	Child'n.	Boys.	Girls.	Sex Unknown
Pending Oct. 1, 1904	76	110	65	42	3
New cases	872	1,170	678	479	13
Old cases renewed	125	170	92	78	
Totals	1,073	1,450	835	599	16

These cases were dealt with as follows:—

	Cases	Child'n	Boys.	Girls	Sex Unknown
A. Withdrawn	93	129	70	55	4
B. Dealt with by Children's Aid Society	571	722	447	274	1
C. Other agencies recommended or applied to	315	456	238	207	11
D. Pending Oct. 1, 1905	111	143	80	63	
Totals	1,090	1,450	835	599	16

Cases under B were dealt with as follows:—

	Cases.	Child'n.	Boys.	Girls.	Sex Unknown
1. Advised { a. Advised only	257	350	209	140	1
{ b. Involving use of other agencies	17	19	14	5	
2. To oversight of Bureau of Information	31	36	19	17	
3. Probation Agency	80	81	81		
4. Home Libraries	1	1		1	
5. Placing-out Agency	180	235	124	111	
Totals	575	722	447	274	1

Cases under C were dealt with in the following manner:—

	Cases.	Child'n.	Boys.	Girls.	Sex Unknown
1. Other agencies recommended	31	37	29	8	
2. Other agencies applied to, namely:					
Associated Charities, Boston	41	96	55	41	
" " Cambridge	8	18	12	6	
" " Lynn	12	19	4	8	7
" " Malden	2	5	3	2	
" " Taunton	1	1	1		
" " Somerville	1	1		1	
Carried forward	96	177	104	66	7

	Sex				
	Cases.	Child'n.	Boys.	Girls.	Unknown.
<i>Brought forward</i>	96	177	104	66	7
Charity Organization Society of New Bedford	1	3	1	2	
Jamaica Plain Friendly Society	1	3	3		
Fitchburg Benevolent Union	1	1		1	
Federation of Jewish Charities	3	3	2	1	
Department of State Minor Wards	8	14	5	9	
Trustees for Children	8	11	7	4	
Overseers of Poor of Cambridge	1	1		1	
“ “ “ “ Everett	2	5		5	
Parental School	2	2	2		
Lyman School	1	1	1		
Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children	9	12	3	9	
Massachusetts School for Feeble-minded	4	4	2	2	
Massachusetts Infant Asylum	36	36	24	12	
Boston Female Asylum	9	13		13	
Children's Mission	13	24	15	9	
Children's Friend Society	8	9	4	5	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	12	19	11	8	
Children's Aid Society, Brooklyn	1	1	1		
Children's Friend Society, Worcester	4	4	2	2	
Shaw Asylum	3	6	3	3	
House of Mercy	1	1	1		
Gwynne Home	1	1		1	
Salvation Army Maternity Home	1	1		1	
St. Monica's Home	1	1	1		
Refuge	1	1		1	
Bulfinch Place Church	1	2		2	
Charity for Aiding Destitute Mothers and Children	56	59	25	30	4
Industrial Aid Society	3	5	2	3	
Co-operative Employment Bureau	2	2		2	
Boston Provident Association	1	1	1		
Legal Aid Society	3	11	5	6	
Civic League Playground	1	1	1		
Tyler Street Day Nursery	3	4	2	2	
Sunnyside Day Nursery	1	1		1	
Horace Mann School	1	1		1	
Perkins Institution	1	1	1		
Children's Hospital	2	2	1	1	
Children's Island Sanitarium	3	3	2	1	
<i>Carried forward</i>	306	447	232	204	11

	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Child'n.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Sex</i>	
				<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Unknown.</i>
<i>Brought forward</i>	306	447	232	204	11
Burrage Hospital	3	3	3		
Floating Hospital	2	2		2	
Police	2	2	1	1	
Probation Officers	2	2	2		
Totals	315	456	238	207	11

HOME LIBRARIES.

AFTERNOON LIBRARIES.

The Merry-makers.	The Huntington-Birtwell Home Li- brary.
Italiani Fideli.	The Wild-rose Home Library.
The Bartlett Home Library.	The South End Home Library.
The Enterprise Home Library.	The Busy Bees.
The Clean Home Library.	The Lafayettes.
The Sunshine Home Library.	The Oliver Wendell Holmes Home Library.
The William E. Russell Home Li- brary.	The Junior Booklovers.
The Pine Tree Home Library.	The Mayflower Home Library.
The Friendship Home Library.	The Ten Booklovers Home Library Club.
Jefferson Street Home Library.	The Golden Gate Library.
The Bright-side Home Library.	The Harvard Home Library Club.
The Quiet Hour Club.	The Alice Cary Home Library.
The Riverside Home Library.	The Maverick Home Library.
The Twilight Home Library.	The Rainbow Home Library.
The Brownie Home Library.	The Paul Revere Home Library.
The Jackson Home Library.	The Marguerites.
The Wise Club.	
Joseph Casey Library.	

EVENING LIBRARIES.

Theodore Roosevelt Home Library.	The Booklovers' Library.
The Willows.	The Lincoln Home Library.
Harper Home Library.	Bluebell Home Library.
The Golden Rod Group.	The Twentieth Century Home Li- brary.
The Edward Everett Hale home Li- brary.	The Endicotts.
The Baxters.	The Current Events Library.
The Katahdin Club.	Il Rè Carlo Magno Home Library.
Harrison Juniors.	The Lincolns.
Camelle Club.	The Garibaldi Home Library.
The Lamplighters.	The Seven Club.
The Plymouths.	The Chesters.
The South Bostons.	The Hale Street Home Library.

REPORT OF

I. TUCKER BURR, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

Oct. 1, 1904,

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1904, including uninvested capital \$3,956.20

Current Receipts.

Income from invested funds	\$7,329.12
Received from Ashton Trust	1,500.00
Annuity from estate of Robert B. Brigham	1,000.00
Annual subscriptions	4,134.00
Donations	6,811.75
Special donations	1,026.55

\$21,801.42

Received from parents, relatives, and guardians	\$11,247.04
Received from Overseers of the Poor of cities and towns	830.55
Received from Military Aid	288.00
Received from Charitable Societies	2,370.63

\$14,736.22

Witness fees, sale of sundry articles

7.15

Total current receipts

36,544.79

Sold 2,000 C., B. & Q. Joint 4s at 100 $\frac{3}{4}$

\$2,012.50

Sold 50 Atch. rts. at 50

23.44

Sold 5,000 U. P. Conv. 4s at 134 $\frac{3}{4}$

6,731.25

8,767.19

Legacy of Richard W. Foster

2,500.00

Legacy of John C. Clafin

2,000.00

\$53,768.18

Total current receipts

\$36,544.79

Total current expenses

47,630.37

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\$11,085.58

TREASURER.

BOSTON'S CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

to Oct. 1, 1905.

Current Expenses.

Salaries of general secretary, assistant secretary, two general assistants, stenographer, book-keeper, three agents in Bureau of Information, seven visitors in Placing-out Agency, two Home Libraries assistants, probation agent, office boy	\$18,171.46	
Board, clothing, and sundries of children in charge of Placing-out-Agency	23,570.98	
Travel	1,606.80	
Stationery, postage, and printing	897.13	
Express, telegraph, and telephone	306.89	
Light, heat, and care of office	514.54	
Supplies, and equipment of office	235.79	
Sundries, including miscellaneous expenses for special children	1,225.80	
Christmas	20.46	
Home Libraries	632.22	
Pine Farm taxes and insurance	418.30	
Public Accountant for auditing	30.00	
Total current expenses		\$47,630.37
Balance Oct. 1, 1905:—		
Treasurer, including uninvested capital	\$5,999.46	
General secretary	138.35	
		6,137.81
		\$53,768.18

I. TUCKER BURR, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Boston Children's Aid Society for the year ending Sept. 30, 1905, and find that the securities are on hand, as called for by the investments, that the income from the same has been accounted for, that vouchers are on hand for all disbursements, that the footings of the cash books are correct, and that the balance of cash on hand at the close of the year has been properly identified.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT, *Public Accountant.*

BOSTON, Jan. 23, 1906.

LEGACIES AND SPECIAL GIFTS.

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| <p>1868. Charles G. Loring.
 1870. Abigail Loring.
 1870. Nabby Joy.
 1870. Robert Waterston.
 1873. Miss C. L. Dennison (gift).
 1875. Shaw Trust for Girls.
 1875. Shaw Trust for Boys.
 1875. Seth Adams.
 1877. Augustus Hemenway.
 1877. George Bemis.
 1878. T. D. Quincy.
 1878. Benjamin Sewall.
 1879. Miss C. L. Dennison (gift).
 1889. Sidney Bartlett.
 1889. Elisha T. Loring.
 1890. Elizabeth S. Norton.
 1892. Susan Sturgis Parkman (gift
 of Mrs. Henry P. Sturgis).
 1893. E. L. Billings.
 1893. Mrs. Mary Hemenway (gift).
 1893. Miss Emily H. Bourne (gift).
 1893. Miss Mary Anne Wales.
 1894. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge (gift).
 1895. Arthur Rotch.
 1896. Moses Kimball.
 1896. Albert Glover.</p> | <p>1896. B. P. Cheney.
 1896. Martin Brimmer.
 1896. Thomas T. Wyman.
 1896. Mrs. E. T. Eldredge.
 1897. John W. and Belinda L.
 Randall, per trustees.
 1898. Henry L. Pierce.
 1898. J. Putnam Bradlee.
 1899. Mrs. Walter Scott Fitz (gift).
 1900. Daniel S. Ford.
 1901. Henry Saltonstall.
 1901. Frances M. Mackay, per
 Henry B. and Amelia R.
 Goodwin, executors.
 1901. Miss Helen M. Parsons, es-
 tate of, per Miss Anna Q.
 T. Parsons.
 1902. Mrs. William R. (Maria G.)
 Wilson.
 1902. Edward I. Browne.
 1902. Joseph B. Glover.
 1904. Robert Charles Billings Fund,
 per Thomas Minns, ex-
 ecutor.
 1905. Richard W. Foster.
 1905. John C. Claflin.</p> |
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

OCT. 1, 1904, THROUGH SEPT. 30, 1905.

For donations in kind see page 33.

Names marked with an asterisk (*) are of persons who have died.]

Ahl, Mrs. Daniel	\$25.00	Bullard, Alfred M.	\$3.00
Aiken, Mrs. Walter	5.00	Bullard, Stephen	5.00
Ames, Rev. Charles G., D.D. trustee	5.00	Bullard, Theodore	10.00
Ames, Mrs. James B.	20.00	Bullard, Mrs. W. S.	10.00
Ames, Miss Mary S.	25.00	Burditt, Mrs. Charles A.	2.00
Andrews, Miss Sarah G.	5.00	Burnham, Mrs. J. A.	5.00
Atkinson, George	10.00	Anonymous	25.00
Atkinson, George, Jr.	10.00	Burr, I. Tucker	100.00
Baker, Harvey H.	2.00	Cabot, Miss Amy W.	5.00
Ballard, Miss Elizabeth	5.00	Cabot, Dr. A. T.	20.00
Barnard, Miss M. W.	30.00	Cabot, Mrs. Henry B.	151.81
Bartlett, Miss Fannie	20.00	Cabot, John H.	25.00
Bartlett, Francis	25.00	Cabot, Mrs. Walter C.	350.00
Batchelder, Miss May Emory	5.00	Callender, Mrs. Henry	2.00
Beal, Boylston A.	10.00	Campbell, Rev. Wm. R.	2.00
Beal, Mrs. J. H.	5.00	Carter, Miss Lucy	30.00
Beal, Thomas P.	5.00	Cary, Mrs. E. M.	350.00
Bigelow, Miss Mary A.	5.00	Cary, Miss G. S.	10.00
Blake, Mrs. Arthur W.	10.00	Case, Mrs. James B.	10.00
Blake, Mrs. S. Parkman	10.00	Cavanagh, George H.	5.00
Borland, M. W.	10.00	Chandler, Mrs. F. W.	10.00
Bowditch, Charles P.	25.00	Channing, Miss Elizabeth P.,	1.00
Bowditch, W. I.	5.00	Chase, Mrs. W. L.	5.00
Bradley, Mrs. Robert S.	2.00	Cheever, Mrs. David W.	10.00
Brandeis, Mrs. Louis D.	15.00	Cheever, Miss Helen	6.00
Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin	2.00	Church, First Parish, Cam- bridge, Mass.	75.00
Briggs, Mrs. Caleb Tucker	1.00	Church, Wellesley Hills, Con- gregational Sunday-school,	5.25
Brooks, Fred	2.00	Clapp, James H.	1.00
Brown, Mrs. Atherton T.	2.00	Clark, Mrs. Frederic S.	10.00
Brown, C. H. C.	5.00	Clark, Herbert	2.00
Bryant, Mrs. E. B.	25.00	Clark, Mrs. John T.	10.00
Buck, Mrs. David	5.00		

Cochrane, Mrs. Alex. . . .	\$10.00	Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott	\$100 00
Codman, Charles R. . . .	10.00	Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00
Collamore, Miss Helen . . .	150.00	Folsom, Miss Amy	25.00
Converse, Mrs. C. C. . . .	5.00	French, Miss Cornelia A. . .	12.00
Coolidge, Miss Matilda G. .	5.00	"Friend"	10.00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. Randolph,	10.00	"Friend"	100.00
Coolidge, Julian L.	100.00	"Friends," through Mrs. R.	
Cotting, Miss Alice	2.00	M. Staigg	20.00
Cowing, Mrs. W. H.	10.00	"Friend," through Miss	
Crafts, Mrs. James M. . . .	50.00	Grace B. Keyes	212.50
Crocker, George G.	5.00	Gardiner, Miss Eugenia . . .	50.00
Cummings, Mrs. Charles A.	10.00	Gardiner, Mrs. Robert H. . .	2.00
Cunningham, Mrs. F.	10.00	Girls' Friendly Society of	
Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles		Clarke School, per Caroline	
P.	20.00	A. Yale, Northampton,	
Curtis, Miss Isabella P. . . .	5.00	Mass.	5.00
Curtis, Louis	10.00	Goddard, George A.	25.00
Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Louis .	20.00	Goldthwaite, Dr. Joel E. . .	5.00
Cushing, Grafton D.	10.00	Gray, Mrs. Reginald	5.00
Cushing, Robert M.	25.00	Greene, Mrs. F. B.	10.00
Dale, Mrs. Eben	5.00	Greene, Mrs. J. S. C.	5.00
Dalton, C. H.	10.00	Greenough, Charles P. . . .	2.00
Denny, Miss M. G.	3.00	Grew, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S.,	100.00
Dexter, George	50.00	Guild, Miss Harriet J. . . .	2.00
Dexter, Mrs. Morton	5.00	Hallowell, Mrs. N. P.	12.00
Dole, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. . .	7.00	Hartwell, Henry W.	10.00
Drummond, Mrs. James . . .	10.00	Haynes, John C.	100.00
Duncklee, Miss Helen L. . .	2.00	Head, Mrs. Charles	5.00
Eaton, Miss G. G.	10.00	Hecht, Mrs. Jacob H.	25.00
Eells, Rev. James	5.00	Hemenway, Mrs. C. P.	10.00
"E. G."	1.00	Homans, Mrs. John	10.00
"E. G."	1.00	Hooper, Mrs. J. R.	10.00
"E. H. G."	1.00	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G.,	150.00
Ellis, Miss Emily B.	25.00	Howe, Henry S.	20.00
Ernst, Mrs. Harold C.	5.00	Hubbard, Charles Eustis . . .	5.00
Fay, Lillie, Alice, Ethel, Ros-		Hubbard, James M.	10.00
amond, Richard, and Ar-		Hughes, W. H.	2.00
thur	10.00	Hunneman, Elizabeth A. . . .	2.00
Fay, Miss Sarah B.	183.74	Hunnewell, Mrs. Arthur . . .	50.00
Fay, Miss Sarah M.	10.00	Hunnewell, Miss Jane B. . . .	150.00
Fegan, Mrs. Fannie Hall . . .	2.00	Hunnewell, Miss Julia	27.64
Fiske, Mrs. Joseph N.	25.00	Hunnewell, Walter	25.00

Hutchins, Miss E.	\$3.00	Mason, Miss Ida M. . . .	\$1,200.00
In Memoriam	10.00	Massachusetts Charitable	
Jackson, Miss A. P.	80.00	Fire Society	37.50
Jackson, Prof. C. L.	20.00	Master Builders' Association,	25.00
Jackson, Edward	50.00	Matchett, Mrs. W. F. . . .	50.00
Jackson, Mrs. Henry	5.00	May, Miss Eleanor G. . . .	5.00
Jackson, Mrs. Henry B. . . .	5.00	McMichael, Mrs. L. G. . . .	10.00
Jackson, Miss M. C.	25.00	Means, Mrs. James	10.00
*Jackson, Mrs. P. T.	5.00	Merriam, Charles	10.00
Jaques, Miss Helen L. . . .	5.00	Mifflin, Mrs. George H. . .	5.00
Jaynes, C. P.	25.00	Minot, Mrs. Charles S. . . .	10.00
"J. G. G."	1.00	Mixter, Miss M. C.	10.00
Kehew, Mrs. William B. . . .	5.00	Morrill, Miss Amelia	5.00
Keyes, Miss Grace B.	10.00	Morrill, Miss F. E.	5.00
Kidder, Mrs. Henry P. . . .	10.00	Morse, Miss F. R.	25.00
Kilham, Miss Annie M. . . .	5.00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	25.00
King's Chapel, Committee on		Morton, Mr. & Mrs. Marcus,	25.00
Charities	50.00	Moseley, Miss E. F.	10.00
Lamb, H. A.	100.00	Murdock, Miss Maria	10.00
Lamb, Mrs. H. A.	100.00	Newhall, C. A.	14.00
Lawrence, Miss Marian	20.00	Nichols, Benjamin W. . . .	25.00
Lawrence, Rt. Rev. Wm. . . .	25.00	Nichols, Miss Mary P. . . .	5.00
Lee, George C.	25.00	Nickerson, Andrew	5.00
Lee, Mrs. Henry	50.00	Oliver Ditson Co.	25.00
Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . .	500.00	Paine, The Misses	50.00
Lombard, The Misses	5.00	Paine Association, Robert	
Loring, Augustus P.	25.00	Treat	100.00
Loring, Miss Katharine P. . .	10.00	Paine, Mr. and Mrs. R. T.,	
Loring, The Misses	15.00	2d	50.00
Loring, Mrs. William C. . . .	115.00	Palfrey, Mr. & Mrs. John C.,	6.00
Lothrop, Mrs. Thornton K.,	25.00	Parker, Miss Ellen G. . . .	10.00
Lowell, Mrs. A. Lawrence . .	500.00	Parkinson, John	25.00
Lowell, Mrs. George G. . . .	10.00	*Parkman, Miss E. S. . . .	5.00
Lowell, Miss Georgina	25.00	Peabody, F. H.	25.00
Lowell, Miss Lucy	10.00	Peabody, Mrs. S. Endicott,	10.00
Lyman, Arthur T.	20.00	Phillips, Mrs. J. C.	50.00
Lyman, Miss B. H.	5.00	Pickering, Mrs. Henry	200.00
Lyman, Miss Julia	15.00	Pickering, Henry G.	15.00
Lyman, Miss Mabel	10.00	Pickles, Rev. John D. . . .	15.16
Lyman, Mrs. Theodore	78.42	Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25.00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	3.00	Pierce, Miss Katharine C. . .	5.00
Mason, Miss Fannie P. . . .	1,000.00	Pratt, Laban	5.00

Putnam, Mrs. James J. . . .	\$5.00	Stebbins, Rev. Roderick . . .	\$25.00
Rackeman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S.	15.00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H. . . .	10.00
Richards, Mrs. John	25.00	Stone, Mrs. Frederic	10.00
Richards, Miss A. L.	70.00	Stone, Miss Katharine H. . .	2.00
Richardson, Mrs. E. C. . . .	2.00	Storer, Miss Abby M.	5.00
Richardson, Dr. William L.,	100.00	Stratton, Charles E.	5.00
Rodman, S. W.	10.00	Stratton, Solomon P.	5.00
Rogers, Miss A. P.	500.00	Tapley, Miss Alice P.	5.00
Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	5.00	Tapley, Amos P.	10.00
Russell, Mrs. R. S.	20.00	Thayer, Miss Cornelia V. R.,	11.00
Saltonstall, Mrs. R. M. . . .	10.00	Thayer, Mrs. John E.	150.00
Sears, Mrs. George G.	25.00	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	10.00
St Paul's Parish, Junior Aux- iliary, per Mrs. John K. Burgess, Dedham, Mass. .	60.00	Thayer, Mrs. Sarah B.	10.00
Sargent, Mrs. F. W.	25.00	Thompson, Mrs. A. C.	2.00
Sargent, Mrs. Winthrop . . .	100.00	Thorndike, Charles	25.00
Saunders, Miss Carrie H. . . .	2.00	Thorp, Mrs. J. G.	10.00
Schmidt, Arthur P.	10.00	Tolman, Miss H. S.	5.00
Sears, Mrs. F. R.	10.00	Tolman, James P.	25.00
Sears, Henry F.	50.00	Traiser, Miss Marion J. . . .	15.00
Sears, Mrs. Herbert M.	25.00	Tuttle, J. H.	10.00
Sears, Horace S.	50.00	Vaughan, Mrs. Benjamin . .	10.00
Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00	von Blomberg, Miss Eva . . .	3.00
Sever, Miss Emily	10.00	Wadsworth, Mrs. O. F.	2.00
Shattuck, Mrs. Frederick C.,	600.00	Waldron, Rev. D. W.	8.00
Shattuck, Henry L.	10.00	Walker, Charles C.	100.00
Shaw, Francis	10.00	Ware, Miss Mary L.	40.00
Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland	25.00	Warren, Samuel D.	150.00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	100.00	Webb, Mrs. Robert	1.00
Shaw, Mrs. Robert Gould . . .	50.00	Welch, Mrs. C. W.	5.00
Shimmin, Miss Blanche	10.00	Weld, Mrs. A. Davis	5.00
Simpkins, Miss Mary W.	5.00	Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W. . . .	10.00
Small, Miss A. M.	86.00	Whitney, Mrs. George	3.00
Smith, Miss Alice Weston . . .	5.00	Whitwell, Miss N. S.	5.00
Smith, Miss Paulina Cony . . .	5.00	Wigglesworth, George	100.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	2.00	Wigglesworth, Thomas	50.00
Sprague, Dr. F. P.	10.00	Willard, Mrs. Z. A.	5.00
Staigg, Mrs. R. M.	15.00	Williams, The Misses	20.00
Stanwood, Frederic	5.00	Williams, Ralph B.	50.00
Stearns, Mrs. Charles H. . . .	2.00	Willing Circle of King's Daughters, Waltham	7.35
		Young, Mrs. B. L.	25.00

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

- Akerman, Mrs. Alfred, 2 cotton dresses.
Balch, Miss Elizabeth A., couch.
Birtwell, Roger, 2 coats, 2 pairs shoes, pair rubbers, pair slippers.
Bicknell, Ralph E., M.D., receipted bill for services, \$9.50.
Bigelow, Mrs. H. F., go-cart.
Boston Elevated Railway Company, 600 Fresh Air Fund tickets.
Brigham, Mrs. H., pair men's shoes, pair bedroom shoes, infant's blanket, infant's cape, hat, pair soles for bed-shoes.
Brush, Mrs. C. N., baby carriage.
Burgess, Mrs. John K., flowers every Saturday morning during summer.
Cunningham, Mrs. Frederic, Christmas presents for placed-out children.
Eaton, Mrs. Georgiana G., sail-boat, toy cat, doll's bed, doll's trunk.
Fay, Miss S. B., Christmas presents for placed-out children.
Foster, Mrs. Reginald, Christmas presents for placed-out children.
French, Miss Sarah, per Miss Cornelia Warren, 10 tickets for matinée, "The Little Princess."
Galvin, Thomas, loan of palms for Annual Meeting of Home Libraries.
Goddard, Mrs. George A., Christmas presents for placed-out children.
Gray, Mrs. Asa, Christmas presents for placed-out children.
Hall, Frederick, portfolio of pictures, 7 shirt-waists, 4 aprons, 3 wash dresses, 15 towels, 7 collars, 15 handkerchiefs, 4 pairs drawers, 7 underflannels, 5 corset covers, 9 pairs stockings, 9 skirts, night-gown, 3 suits, 2 silk and velvet waists, coat, jacket, dress-suit case, umbrella.
Herrick, Miss Harriet H., bound volumes of magazines, set of Little Susie Series, 2 copies "Dotty Dimple," 2 copies "Dotty Dimple Flyaway."
Hooper, Miss Mary, Christmas presents for placed-out children.
Huggins, Gurry E., pair shoes, coat, trousers, 2 shirts.
Jackson, Miss Anna P., 2 pairs shoes, pair mittens.
Jackson, Miss Anna P., \$28 postage and express on Christmas presents.
*Jackson, Mrs. P. T., \$5 for Christmas presents.
Lamb, H. A., camera.
Leonard, Mrs. George F., doll.
Loring, Miss May, Christmas presents for placed-out children.
Loring, Mrs. Wm. C., \$5 for subscription to *Youth's Companion*.

Lovering, Mrs. Charles T., Christmas presents for placed-out children.

Lowell, Mrs. A. Lawrence, Christmas presents for placed-out children.

Lowell, Mrs. A. Lawrence, \$5 for Christmas presents.

Murphy, Miss May, 100 copies of *Youth's Companion*.

Pear, Wesley, 4 dresses, drawers, 13 infants' jackets, overalls, 3 flannel skirts, 4 pairs hose, mittens, overshoes.

Rackeman, C. S., 3 men's coats, 3 vests.

Rogers, Miss A. P., mohair shirt-waist suit, mohair petticoat, feather boa.

Rogers, Mrs. W. B., 92 pamphlets and reports.

Sargent, Mrs. F. W., Christmas presents for placed-out children.

Sears, Mrs. P. H., man's suit, 5 shirts.

Sears, Richard, 2 pairs tan boots, 6 pairs trousers, 4 shirts.

Silsbee, Miss Martha, 2 pairs skates, 32 pairs hose.

Smith, Mrs. H. J., 3 cotton dresses.

Staigg, Mrs. R. M., 2 white skirts, 3 pairs shoes, slippers, hat, 3 dresses, jacket, silk waist, silk skirt, 6 hats, shoes, muslin dress, silk waist.

Thorenberg, Miss, baby carriage.

Webb, Mrs. Robert, per Mrs. John K. Burgess, 3 hats, 2 belts, stock, ribbons, 2 pairs stockings, 3 dresses, suit, shirt-waist, 2 petticoats.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS.

Boston Branch of Needle-woman's Guild, through Mrs. T. S. Lockwood, 7 pairs underdrawers, 5 shirts, 2 night-shirts, 4 pairs mittens, 2 pairs gloves, 12 pairs hose, 2 woollen night-gowns, 2 undershirts, woollen cap, 10 petticoats, 2 pairs woollen drawers, 2 cotton dresses.

Boston Fruit and Flower Mission, box of flowers.

Boston, Church of the Disciples, Sunday-school class of Miss M. L. Parker, 2 books.

Boston, King's Chapel Employment Society, through Miss M. P. Hamlen, 38 cotton dresses, 11 outing flannel dresses, 16 infants' slips, 17 petticoats, 4 night-gowns, 11 pairs drawers, 16 shirts, 35 cotton waists.

Boston, South Congregational Church, South Friendly Society, through Miss Katharine K. Davis, 10 skirts, 27 pairs drawers, 5 aprons, 9 night-gowns, 6 infants' slips, 5 tires, 7 boys' shirts, 6 infants' skirts, 9 dresses, 5 aprons.

Boston, Hebrew Industrial School, Young Women's Union, through Mrs. J. H. Hecht, Christmas presents for placed-out children.

Lawrence, Lawrence Street Church, Junior Christian Endeavor Society, per Miss Helen W. McAllister, 75 bags candy, 3 dolls.

Lexington, Hancock Church, Woman's Auxiliary, through Mrs. L. A. Pierce, making of 7 work dresses for girls.

Needham, Baptist Church, Junior Christian Endeavor Society, through Miss Nellie C. Burkett, 30 bunches or more of flowers sent weekly during summer.

Wellesley Hills, Congregational Church Sunday-school, through Rev. Parris T. Farwell, 14 books, 4 games, 13 toys, boots, 3 caps, hose, jacket, 2 petticoats.

